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JOHN W. WRIGHT.

John W. Wright, whose identification with journalistic interests began more than a quarter of a century ago, has for the past thirteen years acted as city and county news editor of the Knoxville Journal, the leading republican paper of Marion county. His acquaintance is very wide and it is generally conceded that no citizen has taken a more active or helpful interest in the progress and substantial advancement of the community. His birth occurred in Oskaloosa, Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 4th of May, 1860, his parents being Dillon and Susanna (Frazier) Wright, representatives of the old line Quaker families of Grant county, Indiana, and Highland county, Ohio. The Frazier family removed from Indiana to Jefferson county, Iowa, and settled in the vicinity of Pleasant Plain in 1838, while the Wrights came from the Hoosier state to Iowa in 1857, likewise taking up their abode near Pleasant Plain.

John W. Wright spent his childhood days in Oskaloosa and attended school intermittently until twelve years of age. His schooling, however, did not extend beyond the primary grades, for he was taken into the coal works as miner's helper in the winter after his twelfth birthday and subsequently labored in the mines during the winter months and in a brickyard throughout the summer seasons, his time being thus occupied until 1887. In that year he took charge of the "Questions and Answers" department of the old Des Moines Leader and of a similar department in the American Rural Home, the latter being a farm paper of immense circulation published at Rochester, New York. These query departments he has continuously maintained throughout the intervening twenty-seven years. In 1888 he took the editorship of the "Notes for the Curious" department in The Republic, of St. Louis, Missouri, and also a position on the editorial staff of the Sunday Republic, furnishing the leading editorials in that edition during 1895, 1896 and 1897. The "Notes for

the Curious" department was published in the Saturday and Weekly editions from 1888 until January 1, 1899, or for ten years and four months, without the exception of a single issue.

In 1879 Mr. Wright came to Knoxville, Iowa, and three years later was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Smith, by whom he had two children, namely: Loren S., who died at Beaver, Colorado, in 1904, when almost twenty-one years of age; and L. Bess, who is now the wife of Wilbur E. Brown, roadmaster of the Horton-Nelson branch of the Rock Island system, with headquarters at Fairbury, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have one child, Lawrence Edward, who was born at Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 5th of October, 1909.

No resident of Marion county of early or recent arrival has been more deeply concerned in the history and progress of the community than has John W. Wright. He enjoys a very extended acquaintance and is well known among all classes of people, including common laborers, miners, farmers and brickworkers, as well as merchants, lawyers, politicians, bankers and persons of statewide reputation, such as editors, educators and men of affairs. Having a mind practically unbiased by school education and as absorbent as a sponge, he has made himself known as a writer on a variety of different subjects, mainly scientific, and at present is a member in good standing of the Iowa Academy of Sciences and of the National Geographic Society. He declined the flattering offer of a place on the staff of McClure's Magazine and has been importuned to take a position under Curator E. R. Harlan at the Historical Building in Des Moines. Mr. Wright's one copyrighted book, "Christ in Myth and Legend," was published by Cranston & Curtis of Cincinnati, in 1894, and the entire edition sold from the prospectus before the first finished copy came from the press. For the past thirteen years and more, since December, 1901, he has been city and county news editor of the Knoxville Journal, the leading republican paper of Marion county. During ten years of that time he furnished three thousand words every week on popular scientific subjects under the general head of "Nature Snapshots," writing from six to ten short articles weekly on animals, birds, insects, fishes, reptiles, trees, plants, etc., with a goodly sprinkling of geology as found in the local field. His style is terse and clear and his contributions have been eagerly sought and read as being most interestingly instructive. As assistant editor of the Knoxville Journal, under the able management of Messrs. Curtis & Gilson, he has maintained an enviable position in journalistic circles of the county and has helped establish the reputation of

the paper on a high plane. His influence is a potent factor in the upbuilding and development of the community, being always found on the side of right, justice, truth, progress and improvement.

CAPTAIN EDWARD P. BYE.

The name of Captain Edward P. Bye is well known in connection with the pioneer history of Marion county. Arriving here in the early days, he lived to witness the many changes which have brought about present conditions and he was among those who laid the foundation upon which has been built modern progress and prosperity. His memory long formed a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present and deep and sincere regret was felt when he passed away on the 1st of October, 1913. He was then eighty-six years of age, his birth having occurred in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 29th of April, 1827. His parents were Redding and Sarah (Corbin) Bye, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Pennsylvania. The Bye family is of Quaker descent.

Captain Bye acquired his education in the common schools and was reared to farm life. He was but thirteen years of age when the family removed to Jay county, Indiana, where he settled upon a farm, there residing until 1851. On the 27th of November of that year he arrived in Marion county and was thereafter identified with the development and upbuilding of his section of the state. When he left his old home near Portland, Indiana, he had but a few dollars in his pocket. He thought to have better opportunities in the new and growing west and as he was desirous of improving his condition he resolved that he would save one hundred dollars for each year of his age. He walked from his home to Indianapolis, proceeded by train to Evansville and thence by steamboat to Keokuk, from which point he walked to Marion county. When he reached Eddyville he found that his supply of money was exhausted and after staying all night with a farmer he agreed to make five hundred rails for him, for which he was paid two dollars and a half. This task completed, he again started on foot for Marion county, the snow lying twelve inches deep over the prairie. On the 27th of November he reached his destination, at which time his cash capital consisted of but fifty cents. He at once began working by the day and then, seeing the demand for mechanical work, he started to do cabinetmaking in a log shop owned by J. R. Palmer and situated at the southeast corner of

the public square. He had never learned the trade but his father had been a cabinetmaker and he had observed him, thereby gaining a good knowledge of the business. By 1855 he was the proprietor of a shop of his own and during the memorable cholera plague of that year he made many coffins used for the cholera victims. He was also the owner of the first hearse in Knoxville. Soon afterward he was called to the office of city marshal but resigned his position when the mayor would not fine a couple of men for drunkenness whom Captain Bye had arrested. He then resumed cabinetmaking and also took up contract work as a builder and evidence of his skill is still to be seen in some of the old structures of the city, including the Governor Stone residence, the United Presbyterian church, the Baptist church and others. He built the first case for the Knoxville postoffice and for forty years rented box No. 160.

In 1859, attracted by the discovery of gold in the mountains of Colorado, Captain Bye started for Pike's Peak but when he had proceeded as far as the plains became discouraged and turned back. He again started in 1860 and this time reached his destination. He was in Denver when the first United States mail reached that city and he worked for a time in a mining camp near the present site of Leadville. While in California Gulch, in Colorado, he ate bread made from flour worth seventy-five dollars per hundredweight. He was a witness of all of the usual scenes of the mining camp. He assisted in building a church of logs and attended a Sunday school at which there were none present but armed men and many times those who refused to participate in the services would have a game of cards in the doorway.

In the fall of 1861 Captain Bye returned to Knoxville and immediately afterward joined Company G of the Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry as a private. The regiment went into winter quarters at Keokuk and early in March started for the front. The first important engagement in which Captain Bye participated was the battle of Shiloh, where the regiment lost one-fourth of its number in killed and wounded. He also participated in the battle of Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg, the Atlanta campaign, the march to the sea under Sherman and other celebrated military movements which contributed to the success that finally crowned the Union arms. Following the engagement at Corinth he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and in October, 1862, was advanced to the position of second lieutenant. On the 7th of March, 1863, he became first lieutenant and on the 27th of August, 1864, was commissioned captain of Company G,

serving with that rank until mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 24th of July, 1865, for the war had closed and the country no longer needed his services.

Captain Bye received his honorable discharge at Davenport and returned at once to Knoxville, where he resided until 1869. He then removed to a farm of one hundred and thirty-eight acres of land five miles southwest of Knoxville, upon which his widow and son still reside. He hauled the lumber from Pella, a distance of twenty miles, and built a house. He engaged in stock-raising as well as general farming and in time handled many head of stock each year, keeping a herd of about one hundred head of cattle and about two hundred head of hogs. As the years passed he brought his farm to a high state of cultivation and added to his original holdings until within the boundaries of the place were comprised two hundred and thirty acres, well known as the "Burr Oak Farm." The spirit of progress and improvement actuated him at all times and he planted many trees, surrounding his home with a beautiful grove of chestnut and maple trees of his own planting. He established a complete system of waterworks and added other modern equipments and accessories which made his farm one of the finest in this part of the state.

In 1855 Captain Bye was united in marriage to Miss Luvena Palmer, who passed away on the 23rd of January, 1860. Their only son, Charles, died in infancy and a daughter of this marriage, Emma, who became the wife of J. B. Clark, died in 1885 at the age of twenty-eight years. On the 15th of October, 1865, Captain Bye was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Elmira Eldridge, widow of Rufus H. Eldridge, a native of Ohio, whence in early life she removed to Iowa. Her husband enlisted in the Union army in 1861, becoming a lieutenant in Company K, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Corinth on the 2d of October, 1862. Both of her parents have passed away. Her father died in January, 1881, at the age of eighty years, and the mother departed this life in September, 1905, in her eighty-eighth year. Both came from families noted for longevity. By her first marriage Mrs. Bye had one son, E. R. Eldridge, who is now conducting a store for the sale of books, sporting goods, etc., at Mineral Wells, Texas. By their marriage Captain and Mrs. Bye had three children. Delbert O., a lawyer of Alliance, Nebraska, also owns a farm in that part of the state. He is married and has a family of eight children. George E., a successful farmer near Moberly, Missouri, is married and has two children. William H., who operates the home farm for his mother, is also the individual owner of a farm and is well known as a repre-

sentative and leading agriculturist. He is a staunch advocate of the republican party.

Captain Bye gave his political allegiance to the republican party and never wavered in his support thereof. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and was a charter member of Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M. The motive spirit of his life, however, was found in his belief as a member of the Methodist church. He never forgot his religion even when in the heart of the mining camps of the west. It was the force which guided him in his actions and made him the honorable, upright man whom Marion county knew as one of its most valuable and highly respected citizens. His life was indeed one of worth to the community and no history of Marion county would be complete without mention of this pioneer citizen.

WILLIAM A. YOUNG.

Since 1912 William A. Young has been the editor of the Pella Chronicle and has maintained its prestige as a paper that gives the latest news in an accurate and interesting form. He was for a number of years previous to his connection with the Chronicle a teacher, having taught at the Central University of Iowa here and also at Grand Island, Nebraska. He was born in Liberty township, this county, on the 7th of August, 1871, a son of Joseph H. and Lavinia (Jolliffe) Young. The father was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1839, and the mother in Edgar county, Illinois. The paternal grandparents, John and Mary (Hargrave) Young, both of whom were born in England, emigrated to this country and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, whence in 1842 they removed to Shelby county, Indiana, where they resided until their deaths.

Joseph H. Young served in Company D, Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil war and in 1867 located on a farm in this county, remaining thereon until 1893, when he came to Pella. He made this city his home until 1912, in which year he removed to Knoxville, where he is now living retired. The mother of Mr. Young of this review was a daughter of Collins and Jemima Jolliffe, of Virginia, who went to Illinois in 1832 and in 1853 came to this county, locating in Liberty township, where both passed away, Mr. Jolliffe dying in January, 1894, when about ninety-two years of age, as he was born in 1802. The demise of Mrs. Joseph H. Young occurred in 1874 and Mr. Young remarried, Mrs. Eliza Garrison

becoming his wife. To the first marriage were born three children, the subject of this review being the eldest. Five children were born to the second union.

William A. Young received broad educational training. He was graduated from the Central University of Iowa at Pella in 1898 with the Bachelor of Arts degree, in 1904 received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chicago and then attended the Iowa State University for some time. For thirteen years he taught mathematics at the Central University of Iowa and was for one year a teacher in Grand Island College at Grand Island, Nebraska. A good mathematician himself, he also possessed the ability to develop the power of mathematical reasoning in those whom he taught and to train his students in accuracy. In 1912 he became editor of the Pella Chronicle and has since given his time and energies to that work. His leading articles are timely, vigorous and lucidly expressed, and under his management the news columns of the paper give the readers of the Chronicle an excellent account of local happenings and also of the more important events in the outside world.

Mr. Young is a member of the Baptist church of Pella and gives his moral and material support to movements that seek the betterment of the community life. In politics he is a democrat and a single taxer. He holds membership in Pella Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M., and in Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R. Practically his entire life has been spent in this county, and he has risen to a place of honor among those who have known and respected him from youth.

THOMAS E. ROSE.

Thomas E. Rose is a representative farmer of Liberty township, living on section 7. He was born on the adjoining section—the old homestead farm of the family—February 24, 1856, a son of Richard and Matilda (Glenn) Rose, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Brown county, Illinois. They were married in the latter district and as the years went on six children were added to the household, as follows: Thomas E., of this review; Catherine, who is the wife of Frank Williams, of Clay township, this county; Sarah, who gave her hand in marriage to Tim Gregory; Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years; Charles L., who is a resident of Harvey county, Kansas; and George H., living on the old home place.

In October, 1855, the family home was established in Marion county, on a tract of land, two hundred and forty acres of which Mr. Rose had preempted a few years before. The father bent his energies to the development and improvement of the old home place and as they became old enough his sons assisted him in the farm work, and there Richard Rose passed away April 6, 1896, at the age of about seventy-five years, his birth having occurred June 1, 1821. His wife, who was born November 2, 1829, died in 1906, and they were laid to rest in Liberty cemetery. During the long years of their residence in this county they had become widely and favorably known and their memory is yet cherished by many. The father was a veteran of the Mexican war. He always carried on farming and stock-raising and his energy and determination enabled him to so successfully conduct his business that he provided a good living for his family. In politics he was a democrat and served as township trustee. He was much interested in public affairs, took a helpful part in advancing the welfare of the community and was among those who laid broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built the present progress and prosperity of the county. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church and their lives constituted an example that any might well follow.

Thomas E. Rose was educated in one of the old-time log school-houses of the pioneer days and he shared with the family in all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. He assisted in the arduous task of breaking the sod and developing new fields and as the years passed on his labors were attended with substantial success and brought to him the experience that enabled him to carry on his own farm work in a most capable manner. In March, 1884, he located upon his present place and is today the owner of two farms comprising one hundred and fifty-nine acres. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also successfully engages in raising stock.

On the 17th of March, 1878, Mr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss Nancy E. Stephens, her parents being Cumberland and Sarah J. (Ridlen) Stephens, who came to this county in the '50s and spent the remainder of their lives in Liberty township. They had thirteen children, six of whom survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Rose have been born six children, as follows: Myrtle, who passed away in 1906; Seth; Lena, who gave her hand in marriage to Roy Sherman, of Oglesby, Illinois; Ruth, the wife of Worth Phelps, residing in Lyon county, Minnesota; Dwight; and Arminta.

Mr. Rose exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has always preferred to devote his attention to his farming interests, with the result that success is now his in creditable measure and he ranks with the leading and representative farmers of the county.

WILLIAM J. CASEY.

For thirty-eight years William J. Casey has been connected with the Knoxville Express, which was known as the Marion County Democrat in 1876 when he learned the printer's trade in that office. He has been one of the owners of the paper for many years and has had great influence in determining its policy. It has always maintained a high standard and has a large subscription list, while it is extensively used by the merchants of the city as an advertising medium.

Mr. Casey was born in Cambridge, Ohio, on the 28th of August, 1861, a son of James K. and Hannah J. (Carlisle) Casey, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. They were married in the latter state and remained there until March, 1867, when they came to this county. The father was a lawyer of ability and took a lively interest in public affairs. For several years he served as mayor of the city and his political allegiance was given to the republican party. He held membership in the Universalist church and fraternally belonged to the Masonic order. He passed away on the 9th of July, 1886, and is survived by his widow, who has reached the ripe old age of eighty-three years.

William J. Casey is the only child of his parents and was reared at home, receiving a good education. After completing the course in the public schools he entered McKee's Academy and in 1876 left school and began learning the printer's trade in the office of the Marion County Democrat, which for many years has been known as the Knoxville Express. He soon mastered the trade and after serving his apprenticeship continued with the paper in other capacities and eventually became half owner of the same. Altogether he has been in the newspaper business for thirty-eight years and his long experience is a potent factor in securing the continued success of the Knoxville Express. He has exact and detailed knowledge of the typographical work involved and also understands the larger prob-

lems of management, and his opinion on any matter connected with the business carries great weight. He is well known among the newspaper men of the state and has the respect of his colleagues in the profession.

Mr. Casey was married on the 15th of June, 1887, to Miss Lena D. Parks, of this county, a daughter of J. H. Parks. To them have been born three sons: James C. and William D., both associated with their father in business; and John H., who is a high-school student.

Mr. Casey is a democrat in politics and is quite prominent in local party circles, having been a delegate to the Baltimore convention which nominated Woodrow Wilson. He was at that time as now a staunch supporter of Mr. Wilson. For nearly four decades Mr. Casey has resided in Marion county and in that time has witnessed its wonderful development and has done his share in securing the advancement of his community, especially through his connection with the Knoxville Express, one of the leading weekly papers of this county.

JOHN O. RINEHART.

John O. Rinehart, successfully carrying on general farming on section 13, Union township, was born in Frederick county, West Virginia, September 5, 1863, a son of Charles and Rhoda (Slonaker) Rinehart. The former was born in what is now West Virginia on the 29th of November, 1825, and the latter was born in Hampshire county, the same state, on the 5th of September, 1830. Their marriage occurred in West Virginia and the father farmed there until 1863, when he removed with his family to Ohio and remained there for a few years. They came to Iowa in the fall of 1867 and settled near Dunreath, this county, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land in Pleasant Grove township. He moved his house across the Des Moines river on a flatboat and immediately began to prepare his land for cultivation. He farmed until his death, which occurred April 8, 1891. His widow survives and lives in Pleasant Grove township with a son, who operates the home place. The father was a republican in politics and his religious adherence was given to the Methodist Episcopal church. Four of his eight children are living. The record is as follows: Edgar, deceased; Howard, a resident of Knox township; Sidney, deceased; Charles, who resides with his

mother upon the home farm; Molly, who married W. N. Bacon, a resident of Pleasantville, Iowa; Edmonia, the deceased wife of William Koons; John O., of this review; and one who died in infancy.

John O. Rinehart is indebted to the public schools of Pleasant Grove township for his educational opportunities and to his father's instruction for much of his knowledge of agriculture. He farmed rented land for two years previous to his marriage and continued to operate land belonging to others for about three years. After that event he then purchased his present place, which comprises eighty acres on section 13, Union township, and has since resided there. He is a progressive and successful farmer and raises both grain and stock, finding that in this way waste is eliminated and the course a profitable one.

Mr. Rinehart was married in 1888 to Miss Eliza Jane Ruckman, who was born December 28, 1863, a daughter of E. B. Ruckman, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. She was reared in this county and educated in the district schools of Union township. Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart have become the parents of two children. Eliphalet Benton, born on the 5th of July, 1889, is now assisting his father with the work of the homestead; and Charles William, whose natal day was the 6th of March, 1892, also resides at home. The elder son is a member of Knoxville Lodge, No. 90, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Rinehart is a republican and has served as township trustee, road supervisor and school director. He has also been a delegate to county conventions of his party, and was the successful candidate for township trustee in November, 1914. His energy and ability make him one of the representative farmers of the county and all who know him hold him in high respect.

J. D. CUNNINGHAM.

A native son of Marion county, J. D. Cunningham has passed his entire life here and has for many years been actively identified with stock-raising interests. He resides in Knoxville, where his birth occurred in December, 1865. His parents were Howard T. and Sarah (Boydston) Cunningham, natives respectively of Rockville, Indiana, and Mount Morris, Greene county, Pennsylvania. The birth of the father occurred in April, 1842, and that of the

mother in October, 1844. They were married in February, 1865, in Knoxville, Iowa. The father came here about 1854 and engaged in the hardware business but was also much interested in stock-raising and was the first breeder of Poland China hogs in this county. He later dealt in fast horses. On the 1st of July, 1862, he enlisted at Corinth, Mississippi, in the Fifteenth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, as fife major, under the command of Colonel H. W. Reid. He was given his honorable discharge on the 17th of December, 1864, at Kings Bridge, Georgia, and returned to Knoxville, where he resided for many years, passing away in October, 1904. In his family were three children: J. D., of this review; Mary, the wife of G. W. Baxter, of Denver; and Louise, who married P. H. Donnelly, also of Denver.

J. D. Cunningham was reared in Knoxville and attended the elementary and high schools of this city. Early in life he began to help his father with the care of his fine horses and has never lost his interest in the breeding and raising of horses. The home place comprises ten acres of land in the outskirts of Knoxville and there he raises big type Poland China hogs. As before stated his father was the pioneer breeder of Poland China hogs in the county and Mr. Cunningham of this review profited largely from his experience. He is very successful and the sale of his stock brings him a good return annually. He also owns a number of fine trotting horses.

Mr. Cunningham was married on the 2d of December, 1896, to Miss Hester Amos, a daughter of J. M. Amos, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. They have two children: Howard born February 7, 1898, who is attending the Knoxville high school; and Phillip, born November 22, 1900, a pupil in the Knoxville public schools. Fraternally Mr. Cunningham belongs to Knoxville Lodge, No. 72, K. P., and in politics he is a democrat. He has many sincere friends who have known him from boyhood and who recognized him as a man of sterling character.

JOHN BRAAM, JR.

John Braam, Jr., is a worthy representative of an old pioneer family of Marion county that was established here two-thirds of a century ago. He has always resided within its borders and during the past four years has conducted a general store at Durham. His birth occurred on the 8th of September, 1879, near Pella, his parents

being John and Jane (Verros) Braam, both of whom were natives of Holland. They emigrated to the United States in 1847 and made their way direct to Marion county, Iowa, settling on a farm. The mother has passed away, but the father survives residing at Pella, and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which he has made his home for the past sixty-seven years and the improvement and development of which he has witnessed and aided. His three children are all yet living.

John Braam, Jr., acquired his education in the common schools and owing to the death of the mother when he was but thirteen days old, he was reared in the home of his maternal grandparents until he had reached the age of thirty years. In 1910 he started out upon an independent business career as a merchant, becoming proprietor of a general store at Durham which he has conducted continuously and successfully to the present time. An extensive and well merited patronage is accorded him, for he carries a large and carefully selected line of goods at reasonable prices and is absolutely reliable and trustworthy in all of his business dealings.

In 1912 Mr. Braam was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Hughes, a native of Marion county, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Matilda Hughes, both natives of Pennsylvania, who now reside in Union county, Iowa. The wife of our subject is one of a family of four children, all of whom survive. Mr. Braam is a democrat in his political views, having supported the men and measures of that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Marion county and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance here.

J. F. BUFFINGTON.

J. F. Buffington is one of the progressive merchants of Hamilton. He possesses resolute purpose and determination and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, knowing that difficulties and obstacles can be overcome by persistent, earnest and honorable effort. He is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred there March 30, 1874, his parents being Lumbert and Lydia Buffington. The father was a native of Scotland and in early life left the land of hills and heather for the new world. On reaching the eastern coast he started at once for the interior of the country, settling in Illinois, where his remaining days

were passed. By his marriage he had a family of three children, of whom two are yet living.

J. F. Buffington in his youthful days acquired a good practical education in the schools of Illinois. He remained at home until he attained his majority and then started out in life on his own account. In 1900 he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia L. Sharp, who was born in Beacon, Iowa, a daughter of John and Rosetta (Hate) Sharp, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and in 1859 came to Iowa. They settled in Marion county, where they are still living, and they are numbered among the honored and well known pioneer settlers, having made their home in the county for more than fifty-five years. In their family were seven children, five of whom survive.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Buffington came to Iowa and took up their abode in Hamilton, where he established a store and embarked in merchandising. He now owns a large store building and is conducting a profitable and growing business, handling everything that is included within the term general merchandise. His stock is carefully selected to meet the demands of the public, and his patrons are always ready to speak a good word for him because of his straightforward and honorable dealing and his earnest efforts to please.

Mr. and Mrs. Buffington have become the parents of a daughter, Lydia M. They occupy a pleasant home in Hamilton and have gained many warm friends during the period of their residence here. Mr. Buffington exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument. He does not seek nor desire office, however, but concentrates his energies upon his business interests and thereby is meeting with success.

HON. CHARLES HESTWOOD AMOS.

Iowa lost one of her most distinguished residents when Hon. Charles Hestwood Amos was called from this life. With marked strength of character he had used wisely and well the talents with which nature endowed him and he stood among the foremost lawyers of the state, also as a leader in political circles and as one of



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the prominent members of the Masonic fraternity. There were, moreover, in him those social traits which made him the loved friend of all with whom he came in close contact.

His birth occurred in Union township, Marion county, February 25, 1869, his parents being Captain Caleb J. and Emma Amos. His early youth was spent in his native county, but when he was eight years of age his parents removed to Chicago, where his father engaged in the live-stock business. In that city the boy, therefore, pursued his education, attending the public schools until graduated from the Lake high school. He was ambitious to secure a good education and entered the University of Michigan, where he spent three years as a student in the liberal arts department in preparation for a course in law. He had determined to make law practice his life work and after studying for a time in the Michigan State University entered the Union College of Law, now the law department of Northwestern University of Chicago, from which he was graduated at the head of his class in 1892, despite the fact that he was earning his own way, working in the claim department of the Nickel Plate Railroad.

Mr. Amos immediately entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Chicago and notwithstanding the fact that competition is nowhere greater he made substantial progress there during the three years of his residence in that city. Owing to his father's death he became the only support of his widowed mother and repaid her for every thoughtful care and attention which she had bestowed upon him in his childhood with the most filial love and devotion. This was one of the traits of his character that made him universally respected and admired. She was not only his mother but his confidant and his best friend, and the closest ties of companionship bound them. In 1895 they returned to Knoxville, where Mr. Amos entered into a law partnership with W. A. Stone, which relation was maintained until 1897, when Mr. Stone removed to Idaho. At that time Mr. Amos became a partner of Hon. L. N. Hays, with whom he was connected for fourteen years, when the senior member of the firm was made district judge. At that time the firm of Amos & Vander Ploeg was formed and so continued until the death of Charles H. Amos. With the passing years he won a place among the distinguished lawyers of Iowa. He was a forceful and resourceful member of the bar, strong in argument, logical in his deductions and a wise counsellor. There are few lawyers who are so careful to conform their practice to high standards of professional ethics.

He gave to his clients the service of great talent, unwearied industry and rare learning, but he never forgot there were certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect and above all to justice and a righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success would permit him to disregard.

Of him the Knoxville Journal said: "It is said that 'death loves a shining mark,' and so it would seem in this instance when it summarily closed a career so bright with promise as that of Charley Amos. He was a man of unusual ability, of commanding presence, an orator of power and effectiveness, endowed with a liberal education and the broadest views, and he seemed at the very outset of a career of much distinction. The safe counsellor, the brilliant advocate, the honored citizen and loving son has been taken away, affording further evidence of the truth of the precept that the ways of Providence are past finding out."

Prominent as was Mr. Amos as a member of the bar, he was equally well known in political circles. All unsought, he had attained a position of leadership in the democratic party and two years before his death was his party's candidate for attorney general, while at the last primary election before his demise he would have been a formidable candidate for governor had he permitted the use of his name. He studied the political problems with great thoroughness and earnestness and no one ever questioned the honesty of his convictions.

About the time he attained his majority Mr. Amos became a member of the Masonic lodge and afterward advanced through both the York and Scottish Rites until he became a Knight Templar and a Consistory Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He took great delight in the work of the order in all of its branches and served as high priest of Tadmor Chapter, R. A. M., for several years. He was also patron of the Eastern Star chapter at Knoxville for two years and in March, 1910, attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the Des Moines consistory. At that meeting he was chosen by unanimous consent to be the spokesman of the class, which was a large one, and delivered one of the finest orations ever heard upon such occasions. His life embodied the highest standards of Masonry. The teachings of the order made a deep and lasting impress upon his mind and he ever endeavored to live out the instruction concerning the brotherhood of man. It was a great comfort to him during his last illness that his Masonic friends were the watchers at his bedside. Among his closest associates he was

known as "The Duke"—a term of affection by which he was greeted on all occasions. During the last six months of his career after being advised by his physician of his condition he made a strong fight for life, but when he knew that the end was certain he met it with the same courageous spirit that characterized him in every action. Around him were the watchers at his bedside and, returning to consciousness after a period in which he had been in a comatose condition, he said: "I didn't think I would ever come back again, boys, but while I am here I want to talk to you. You boys of the consistory and you others too remember your Masonry. Maybe my life has been open to criticism but I have tried to live my Masonry. The consistory has been my religion. I will meet you boys again. Remember the teachings of Masonry. Everything is all right with me, with everybody and everything. I am not afraid to die. (Here one of the boys broke down and began to cry, whereupon he said, calling him by name and waving his hand toward him with a smile.) Never mind, it is all right and all for the best. You boys will take care of my blessed mother."

If the historian were to attempt an analyzation of the life work of Charles H. Amos, which ended January 18, 1913, when he had compassed but the comparatively brief span of forty-three years, ten months and twenty-three days, it would be difficult to point out the strongest element. Nature endowed him with keen mentality, but it is only through the exercise of effort that powers grow. He had the force and ambition that enabled him to earn his way through college and as the weeks sped on his mind compassed the branches that fitted him for high professional attainments. Citizenship was never to him an idle term. He studied political questions with a sense of obligation that arose from his belief that every individual should do his best for his country. Of him it might be written:

"Not a general giving his orders,
Not an officer wearing the gold,
But a true-hearted private in service,
With the strength of a warrior of old.

"Not the glory of fighting in battle,
Not the glory of winning the day,
But the glory of doing his duty
When his country's need pointed the way.

“Not a life with its joyous home-coming,
Not a life with ambition fulfilled;
For duty and death met together,
And his great heart of honor was stilled.”

However, the great circle of his friends—and they were as numerous as the circle of his acquaintance—have the firm belief that that which is great and good and noble is eternal and may well entertain the spirit of James Whitcomb Riley’s beautiful lines:

“I cannot say and I will not say
That he is dead—he’s just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of his hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

“And you, O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return—
Think of him as faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of him still the same, I say—
He is not dead—he is just away.”

JOSHUA JENKINS.

For a long period Joshua Jenkins had the distinction of being the last surviving veteran of the Mexican war living in Marion county. Moreover, when a nonagenarian he was still an active factor in the world’s work, assisting in the labors of the fields upon his home farm and accomplishing tasks which many a man of less resolute spirit and of more limited industry would have failed to accomplish. He retained his physical powers in large measure and seemed a man whose age was twenty years less. In spirit and interests he was yet in his prime when he had passed the ninetieth milestone on life’s journey.

Mr. Jenkins was a native of Monongalia county, Virginia, now West Virginia, born December 12, 1822, and when a youth of fourteen years he accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Indiana, where the family home was established in 1836. He shared with the family in all of the hardships, privations and incidents of

pioneer life. He was a young lad when his father died and he became of the greatest assistance to his mother in rearing the family and providing for their support. After a residence of ten years in Indiana he responded to the country's call for troops, for the United States was at that time engaged in war with Mexico. He took part in the battle of Buena Vista and a number of lesser engagements and at the close of the war received an honorable discharge and was also given a land warrant in recognition of his services. This entitled him to secure one hundred and sixty acres of any unoccupied government land district and with the money he had saved from his pay as a soldier he bought another land warrant. Coming to Iowa, he located his two claims on the 16th of May, 1848, thus becoming the owner of three hundred and twenty acres on English creek, in Marion county, two and one-half miles south of the little frontier village of Knoxville, which at that time contained but three stores, a blacksmith shop and seventeen log cabins.

After locating his claim Mr. Jenkins returned to Indiana and there made further arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage on the 28th of December, 1848, to Miss Cerene Elder. Early in the following year they started for the Marion county farm, arriving in this county in May. Mr. Jenkins at once began building a little log cabin which they occupied for five years. In 1855 he erected a more modern residence, which continued to be his home throughout his remaining days. As the years passed on eleven children were added to the family circle, of whom two died in infancy, while three passed away after reaching adult age and left families. Mrs. Jenkins' death occurred on the 7th of November, 1882, and a daughter and five sons survive the father. These are: Mrs. J. B. Clark, of Knoxville township; Thomas J., of Holliday, Missouri; Stephen, also of Knoxville township; William, living in the city of Knoxville; Jarrett, whose home is north of Knoxville; and Charles, who for more than twenty years prior to his father's death managed the farm. There were also fifteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren at the time of Mr. Jenkins' death.

From the time that he brought his bride to Iowa Mr. Jenkins continuously resided upon his farm in this county, remaining thereon for sixty-five years and occupying the same bedroom for fifty-nine years. He never had a mortgage upon his farm. He won his success by honorable, straightforward methods and was never known to take advantage of the necessities of a fellowman in any business transaction. He worked hard, carefully managed the cultivation of

his fields and even up to the time that he was ninety years of age it was no unusual thing to see him planting his crops, felling trees, sawing logs or caring for his stock. He raised large numbers of cattle, sheep and hogs and from the sale of his stock derived a gratifying annual income.

Mr. Jenkins never belonged to any church yet gave generously to the support of the cause of religion and in his life ever endeavored to follow the Golden Rule. He held friendship inviolable and was always loyal to those to whom he gave his regard. He was a good neighbor, an upright, honorable man, and his death was deeply regretted by many friends. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of completed and successful effort, ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this man.

J. T. ROBUCK.

J. T. Robuck is one of the energetic, wide-awake and progressive business men of Attica, conducting a general store and also handling farm implements and wire. He was born in this county December 17, 1856, a son of John and Martha (Andrews) Robuck, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They came to Marion county in 1853, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers who were aiding in reclaiming a wild and undeveloped region for the purposes of civilization. The father established the family home upon a farm and throughout his remaining days devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits. His wife has also passed away. In their family were ten children, of whom six are yet living.

J. T. Robuck spent his youthful days upon the old homestead, remaining there until he reached the age of twenty-two years, during which time he assisted his father in the work of the fields when not busy with his text-books, his education being acquired in the common schools. On leaving home he rented a tract of land and thus carried on farming for several years, at the end of which time he purchased a farm in Clay township with the money he had saved from his earnings. Upon that place he lived for fourteen years and after selling out he bought a farm in Franklin township, upon which he resided for four years. On disposing of that property he invested in land in Knoxville township and afterward retired from active farming, taking up his abode in the city of Knoxville, where he lived

for two years. On the expiration of that period he again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and for some time occupied and cultivated his farm but eventually sold out and turned his attention to merchandising at Attica, where he is now living. He conducts a general store, carrying a large and carefully selected stock of goods, and he also handles farm implements and wire. His business has grown to gratifying proportions and he is one of the enterprising merchants of the county. In connection with his son he also owns a farm in Franklin township.

In 1878 Mr. Robuck was united in marriage to Miss Ida Force, a native of this county and a daughter of George and Permelia (Wade) Force, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The father is now deceased but the mother survives. Mr. and Mrs. Robuck have had five children but the first two died in infancy. The third child, Bessie, passed away at the age of fourteen years. The two surviving members of the family are John, who follows farming, owning property in connection with his father, and Mabel, at home.

The parents are members of the Methodist Protestant church and Mr. Robuck belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Knoxville and to the Improved Order of Red Men. In politics he is a democrat, having always exercised his right of franchise in support of that party since attaining his majority. He has served as school director but has never occupied political office. His life has been a busy and useful one in which there have been few idle hours. He has always carefully directed his farm work and his mercantile interests and as the result of his indefatigable energy and sound judgment has met with a gratifying measure of success.

ALBERT L. MUNSELL.

Albert L. Munsell, deceased, was long identified with mercantile interests at Hamilton and made for himself a creditable name and place in business circles. He was born in Alexandria, Ohio, on the 12th of March, 1851, a son of Edward and Cynthia (Devereaux) Munsell, both of whom were born in the east. The family arrived in Marion county in 1858, settling at Hamilton. The father was a broom-maker by trade and in early life followed that pursuit but afterward turned his attention to merchandising, remaining in active business here until his death in 1878, his grave being made in the Hamilton cemetery.

Albert L. Munsell was only about seven years of age when brought to Iowa by his parents and in the schools of Hamilton he pursued his education. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he successfully followed in early manhood. Later he went to the west but in 1875 returned to this county in order to engage in merchandising at Hamilton. He established and successfully conducted his store, carrying a large and carefully selected line of goods and continuing in the business until his demise. He was ever found reliable in his trade transactions and recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement.

On the 7th of March, 1877, Mr. Munsell was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Faivre, a daughter of Dr. M. J. and Melissa (Walker) Faivre. To them were born four children, namely: Ella, who is the wife of J. B. Skelton; Edward L.; Lowell and Julian L.

In his political views Mr. Munsell was a stalwart republican and kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He served as notary public, as a member of the school board and was treasurer for thirty-five years. His aid and influence were always given on the side of progress, advancement and improvement, and he never acted with hasty judgment concerning any public move. He was an Odd Fellow for thirty-five years, loyal to the teachings of the organization, and he was equally consistent as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In a word, his life was ever upright and honorable and won for him the high regard and unqualified confidence of those who knew him, so that his memory is yet cherished by many who called him friend. It was on the 17th of August, 1912, that he was called to his final rest.

BENTON A. MATHEWS.

Business enterprise in Marion county finds a worthy representative in Benton A. Mathews, who is today conducting one of the oldest nursery businesses of the state, established sixty years ago. He has the largest pear orchard in Iowa and the products of his nurseries are shipped over a wide territory, finding ready sale because of well known excellence and also by reason of the thorough reliability of the proprietor. The nursery is pleasantly and conveniently located a half mile from Knoxville and Mr. Mathews still occupies the old home that was erected by his father about 1855, much walnut lumber

being used in the construction, while the shingles were brought from Burlington. At the time of its erection this residence was one of the best in Knoxville. It is surrounded by pine trees and is yet an attractive, comfortable home in which the spirit of hospitality reigns supreme.

Benton A. Mathews was born in Coshocton, Ohio, on the 4th of January, 1840, and is a son of James and Mary A. (Conley) Mathews, the former a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, and the latter of Goshen, New York. They were married, however, in the Buckeye state. The paternal grandfather, Alexander Mathews, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of James Mathews, a native of Ireland, who became the founder of this family in the new world. He crossed the Atlantic to the United States with his two brothers, William and Thomas, and all three rendered valiant service to the colonies in the Revolutionary war, while the grandfather, Alexander Mathews, was an equally loyal soldier of the War of 1812. The same spirit of patriotic devotion to country was manifest by James Mathews during his service in the Ohio legislature and during the two terms in which he represented his Ohio district in congress. He arrived in Marion county in 1854 as one of its pioneer settlers and purchased land where Knoxville now stands. He laid out the Mathews addition to the town and also the Mathews new addition and was in various ways prominently connected with the upbuilding and progress of city and county. He was a lawyer by profession and, opening an office in Knoxville, successfully engaged in practice here until his death, which occurred in 1887 when he was eighty-three years of age. His wife passed away in 1899, at the age of eighty-five years. They were everywhere recognized as people of sterling worth and became leaders in the community in which they made their home.

Mr. Mathews was the oldest Mason in the county at the time of his demise and was ever a loyal representative of the craft which has as its basic element a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind. When serving in congress from Ohio, Mr. Mathews voted to admit Iowa into the Union, and it was not long afterward before he became identified with the new state, remaining an active factor in its development and substantial improvement for more than three decades. To him and his wife were born twelve children, as follows: Morton, who died in infancy; Mary, James, Louisa and Hannah, all of whom are deceased; Caroline, who has likewise passed away and who was the wife of Governor William M. Stone, of Iowa, also deceased; Benton A., of this review; Augusta, deceased, who was the wife of

Dr. Foote, of Philadelphia; Matilda, who now resides in Washington, D. C., and is the widow of F. C. Barber, for many years editor of the Knoxville Journal; Addie, who has passed away; Helene, deceased; and one child unnamed who died in infancy.

Benton A. Mathews acquired a public-school education in Ohio and Iowa, accompanying his parents to this state when a lad of fourteen years. The year which witnessed the outbreak of the Civil war was the year in which he attained his majority, and on the 22d day of May, 1861, only about six weeks after the first guns had been fired at Fort Sumter, he enlisted as a member of Company B, Third Iowa Infantry, becoming second lieutenant. He went to the front and was on active duty for a year and a half and was wounded at Shiloh, his injuries being of such a nature that he was discharged on the 15th of October, 1862. He then returned to Knoxville and embarked in the nursery business, in which he has since been continuously engaged. His father had established this business in 1854, so that it has now been in continuous existence for six decades and is one of the oldest in the state. He engages in the production of nursery stock of all kinds suitable to the soil and climatic conditions of the temperate zone, and he has the largest pear orchard in Iowa. He has studied the business from every angle, acquainting himself with the scientific principles and with all the practical phases until his opinions are largely accepted as authority upon questions concerning the production and care of nursery stock and the further propagation of the trees. His business has reached large and gratifying proportions, bringing to him a substantial annual income. It was Mr. Mathews and his father who introduced evergreens into this county and, as previously stated, his home is surrounded by a beautiful grove of murmuring pines.

In 1878 Mr. Mathews was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia J. Lindley, a daughter of Judge Lindley, of Newton, Iowa, who came from southern Ohio to this state in the early '50s. A lawyer by profession, he successfully engaged in practice and his ability led to his selection for judge of the circuit court, in which position he remained for many years. He afterward removed to Nebraska, where he was again elected to the bench and later he returned to Ohio, where he passed away in January, 1896. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah McCracken, was also a native of Ohio and is now deceased. Our subject and his wife have two children, namely: Alice, the wife of John M. Weaver, who follows the profession of teaching and makes his home in Lawrence, Kansas; and Mary, at home.

In his political views Mr. Mathews is a democrat but has never been ambitious for office. He belongs to John C. Ferguson Post, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. His life has been preeminently that of a business man, careful, reliable and energetic in the conduct of his interests, yet at all times his influence has been on the side of progress and improvement in affairs relating to the county in which he has now made his home for almost two-thirds of a century.

HIRAM T. STAPP.

The year 1866 witnessed the arrival of Hiram T. Stapp in Marion county and he remained a continuous resident of the county until he was called to the home beyond. He was well known in Columbia and Washington township and in other sections of the county, and wherever he went he made friends by reason of his sterling worth and many excellent traits of character. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, August 12, 1840, a son of Joseph Stapp, who lived and died in the south. The son acquired his education in southern schools and at the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted in the Confederate army. Later he came to the north, and because his opinions had changed regarding the condition of affairs, he enlisted at Crawfordsville, Indiana, for service in the Union army, with which he continued until honorably discharged at the close of hostilities.

In the following year, or in 1866, Mr. Stapp made his way westward to Iowa, reaching Knoxville, Marion county, on the 2d day of March. He worked for others for a time and then purchased property in the village of Columbia. At length he acquired farm land and from that time forward followed agricultural pursuits and stock-raising until his death. He always held to high ideals in relation to his work and he added to his farm many valuable improvements. The place was divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences and in the pastures could be found good grades of stock. Barns and other outbuildings afforded ample shelter for grain and for his cattle and horses, and when invention brought out new machinery he secured it to promote the work of the fields. He was a breeder of fine Jersey cows and high grade horses. He loved all kinds of animals and became very indignant upon seeing them abused. It is needless to state, therefore, that the stock upon his

place was well treated and he did not a little to improve the grade of farm animals raised in this section of the state.

On the 8th of March, 1868, Mr. Stapp was united in marriage to Miss Juliett Kiger, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Huffman) Kiger, who had five children, two of whom are deceased. Mrs. Kiger died in 1847 and subsequently the father was again married. About 1850 he came to Marion county, Iowa, in search of a home, locating in Washington township, where he devoted his attention to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising. He gave his political allegiance to the democracy but never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. He passed away on the 17th of April, 1892, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his remains were interred at Columbia.

The death of Mr. Stapp occurred on the 14th of August, 1902, and he was laid to rest in the Columbia cemetery. Two years after his demise his widow took up her abode in Columbia, where she now resides. She is widely and favorably known and has many friends in the village and throughout the surrounding country. Mr. Stapp voted with the democratic party and always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he was able to support his position by intelligent argument. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and his Christian faith guided him in all the relations of life, making him a man whom to know was to esteem and honor.

WILLIAM RICHARDS.

On the list of Marion county's pioneer settlers appears the name of William Richards, who passed away November 21, 1901, at the home of his son Joshua, of whom mention is made on another page of this work. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1811, a son of William and Ann (Rose) Richards. The father was born November 27, 1781, and his life record covered the intervening period to the 13th of December, 1857. He served as a soldier in the Mexican war. The mother was born September 18, 1784, and died August 29, 1853. By trade William Richards, Sr., was a shoemaker. To him and his wife were born nine children, namely: John, Rachel, William, Jr., Juliann, Josiah, Samuel, Melinda, Ruann and Selena.

William Richards accompanied his parents on their removal from the Keystone state to Coshocton county, Ohio, in his boyhood days. He was there reared and married, Miss Margery Thompson becoming his wife on the 23d of December, 1830. She was born May 7, 1808, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Joshua Thompson, whose wife died during the early girlhood of their daughter Margery. Upon leaving Ohio Mr. and Mrs. Richards removed to Wabash county, Indiana, and there resided for about three years or until the fall of 1856, when they came to Marion county, Iowa. Mr. Richards was a farmer by occupation and his life was a busy and useful one which in the course of years brought him a very gratifying and substantial measure of success. As his financial resources increased he kept adding to his property until his holdings aggregated nine hundred acres of rich and valuable farming land in Pleasant Grove and Swan townships. This he successfully cultivated and his property interest brought to him a gratifying measure of success as the years passed on.

Mrs. Richards passed away January 18, 1899, and the death of Mr. Richards occurred November 21, 1901. Their married life covered a period of more than sixty-eight years and their mutual love and confidence increased as time passed on and they met together the joys and sorrows, the adversity and the prosperity that checkered their lives. They were baptized and joined the Christian church in 1840 and they were thereafter consistent members until they were called to the home beyond. Mr. Richards was also a member of the Masonic fraternity from early manhood. To him and his wife were born ten children, as follows: Eleanor, whose birth occurred October 14, 1831, and who died in Indiana in young womanhood; Ann Jane, who was born January 30, 1833, gave her hand in marriage to David Forst and is now deceased; William T., born May 27, 1835, who resides near Bozeman, Montana; Joshua T., a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; Samuel V., whose birth occurred January 8, 1839, and who died in Indiana in young manhood; Juliann, born April 1, 1841, who became the wife of Harmon Caffrey and has passed away; Josiah, born July 4, 1843, who died while serving as a soldier of the Union army in the Civil war; John, a sketch of whom is given on another page of this work; James Allen, whose birth occurred October 4, 1847, and who is a resident of Pleasantville, Iowa; and Urias, born September 10, 1849, who resides in Oklahoma.

William Richards gave his political indorsement to the whig party after age conferred upon him the right of franchise and when

that party ceased to exist he joined the ranks of the new republican party. His worth and ability were widely recognized by his fellow townsmen and he was frequently called to public office, serving as mayor of Pleasantville for several years. He was prominent and influential as a supporter and promoter of churches and schools and was very active as a member of the Christian church. Both he and his wife lived to be more than ninety years of age and for a long period were the oldest couple of the county, having traveled life's journey together for more than sixty-eight years ere separated by the hand of death. Every phase of frontier life was familiar to them and they bore an active and helpful part in the work of general development. Their influence was ever on the side of right, progress, reform and improvement and their memory is cherished by all who knew them and remains as a blessed benediction to their friends.

H. N. ROUZE.

H. N. Rouze, the period of whose residence in Marion county covers a half century, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and is now living in honorable retirement at Tracy. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 28th of September, 1850, his parents being W. K. and Mary T. (Marsh) Rouze, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In 1864 they came to Marion county, Iowa, settling on a farm in Clay township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Three of their four children survive.

H. N. Rouze was reared under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. On attaining his majority he took charge of the home farm in Clay township, continuing its operation throughout his entire business career with such success that he was eventually enabled to put aside the active work of the fields and retire with a comfortable competence. He disposed of his farm property and took up his abode in Tracy, where he has since made his home and enjoys well earned ease. He owns a nice residence and other town property in Tracy.

Mr. Rouze has been twice married. In 1873 he wedded Miss Cordelia Black, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Andrew and Ann (Heubanks) Black, who were likewise born in the Buckeye state. They eventually established their home in Marion county,

Iowa, but subsequently removed to Kansas and in that state spent the remainder of their lives. To them were born six children, one of whom yet survives. H. N. and Cordelia (Black) Rouze became the parents of six children, as follows: A. L., who is a resident of Missouri; Ora M., living in the state of Washington; W. V., of Clay township, this county; Andrew F., a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume; W. H., a resident of Tracy, this county; and one who died in infancy. The demise of the wife and mother occurred in 1892 and her remains were interred in the Bethel cemetery. In 1894 Mr. Rouze was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Durham, a native of Clay township, this county, and a daughter of D. T. and Emeline L. (Evans) Durham, both of whom are deceased.

In politics Mr. Rouze is a stanch republican and has ably served as assessor and also as a member of the school board for several years. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Bellefontaine Lodge, No. 163, A. F. & A. M., at Tracy, while he is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and exemplify its teachings in their daily lives. His career has been such as to give him high standing in the eyes of the community and he is generally recognized as a man whose long years of earnest labor have not only contributed to his own prosperity but have also been a boon to the community at large.

HIRAM ANDREWS.

For many years Hiram Andrews was a farmer and stockman residing on section 25, Knoxville township, and the news of his demise, which occurred in June, 1908, at Bentonville, Arkansas, was the occasion of much sincere grief in this county, where he was well known and highly esteemed. He was born in Crawford county, Ohio, on the 27th of September, 1830, a son of Jacob and Ellen Andrews, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, but who became early settlers of Ohio.

Hiram Andrews was reared in the county of his nativity and there attended the common and high schools. When in his twentieth year he began teaching and followed that profession in the Buckeye state for seven years. In the spring of 1857 he came to Marion county, Iowa, and located here, having been much pleased with the pros-

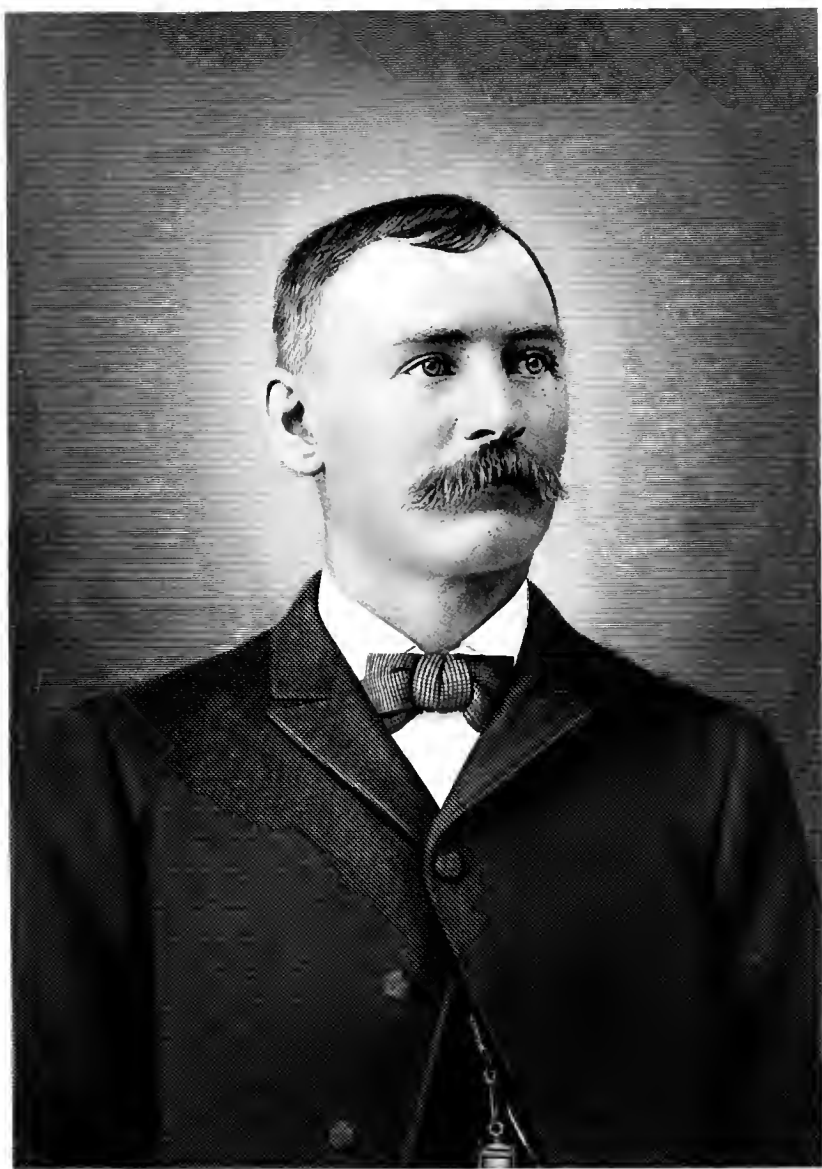
pects of the county when he investigated conditions here in 1854. After his arrival in this county he continued to teach during the winters for seven years and devoted the summers to farm work, cultivating land near Newbern in Dallas township. In 1865 he removed to section 25, Knoxville township, and from that time gave up teaching, concentrating his efforts upon the cultivation of his land and the raising of live stock. He was energetic in the performance of the tasks that fall to the lot of the farmer and also sought to so systematize and manage his work as to secure maximum efficiency. He owned one hundred and twenty acres of land and his place was one of the best improved farm properties of his locality.

On the 11th of March, 1859, Mr. Andrews married Miss L. Richardson, a native of Ohio, and they became the parents of two children: William Franklin, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and a daughter, Eva, now the wife of James Pugh, of Omaha, Nebraska.

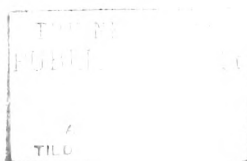
In the fall of 1879 Mr. Andrews was elected assessor of Knoxville township on the republican ticket and proved a capable and conscientious official. For ten years he served as secretary of the school board and during his entire life manifested deep interest in the welfare of the public schools. He and his family were all members of the Christian church and were factors in the extension of the influence of that organization in their locality. On the 15th of December, 1879, he lost his residence and many household effects by fire, but soon after he rebuilt, his new home being at that time one of the finest in his section of the county. About 1898 he removed to Bentonville, Arkansas, and passed away there in June, 1908. His wife survived him for about two years, her demise occurring at Omaha, Nebraska, at the home of her daughter in February, 1910. Their lives were well spent and they served well the day in which they lived, performing to the best of their ability the tasks that lay closest at hand and cooperating heartily in all movements that sought the public welfare.

CHARLES OWEN WAY.

No name is more highly honored and no record more worthy of commendation than that of Charles Owen Way, who for many years made his home in Marion county, his life being crowned with success and at the same time fraught with good deeds to others.



CHARLES O. WAY



He passed away December 31, 1902, and his memory is cherished by all who knew him. He made his home near Bussey and was one of the largest landowners and stock-raisers of his section of the state, his holdings embracing twelve hundred acres. His success came to him as the result of unfaltering energy, keen sagacity and sound business judgment, resulting in judicious investment and the wise management of his affairs.

Mr. Way was one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Mahaska county, near the Marion county line, in June, 1858, his parents being Joshua and Ruth (Ridlen) Way, the former a native of Wayne county, Indiana, and the latter of Shelby county, that state. The father was a son of Seth Way, who in 1839 came to Iowa with his family and settled in Keosauqua. In the same year Joshua Way took up his abode in Marion county, becoming one of its early settlers, and in 1843 he and two others staked off their claims by lantern light, theirs being the first claims entered within the present borders of the county. Not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made upon the property but with characteristic energy Joshua Way began to break the sod and develop the farm, his labors soon bringing about a marked transformation in the appearance of his land, which in the course of a few years was yielding abundant harvests. In the year 1854 he married Miss Ruth Ridlen, a daughter of Timothy and Sarah Ridlen, who came to Marion county in 1849. To Mr. and Mrs. Way were born seven children: Seth, of Knoxville, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Charles Owen, of this review; Walter, a farmer living at Bussey, Iowa; William, also a farmer of this county; Parker, who follows farming in Mahaska county; and two daughters who died in childhood.

Charles O. Way spent his youthful days under the parental roof and acquired his education in the district and public schools of the county. He was married in 1879, when a young man of twenty-one years, after which he settled in Marion county, making his home here until his death, or for a period of twenty-three years. He always devoted his active life to farming and was notably successful, becoming one of the best known agriculturists of Marion county. He readily recognized the opportunities for judicious investment and by adding to his holdings from time to time became the owner of about twelve hundred acres, still in the possession of his widow. His farm work was conducted along progressive lines. He studied the soil and its possibilities, practiced the rotation of crops and employed modern methods in the development of his fields, which in

the course of years brought to him substantial profits. He made excellent improvements upon his land and through the erection of substantial buildings afforded ample shelter for grain and stock. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to climatic conditions he also engaged quite extensively in stock-raising and did considerable to improve the grade of stock handled in this section of the state.

In 1879 Mr. Way married Miss Mary L. Doughtman, who was born in Iowa, a daughter of E. G. and Hannah M. (Hughes) Doughtman, who settled near Bellefontaine, Iowa, nearly sixty years ago. Her father came to this state from Indiana and was married in this county. He lived for about three years at Knoxville and passed away a quarter of a century ago. He was a democrat and quite active in local affairs, holding several offices. He was also a Mason. To Mr. and Mrs. Way was born a son, Merle E., who is attending the State Agricultural College at Ames in preparation for the scientific operation of the land which he and his mother own. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and well known in local fraternal circles. A daughter died about twenty-five years ago, when nine years old. Mrs. Way removed to Knoxville in 1903 and purchased the fine residence at No. 1304 Montgomery street which is now her home. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She has resided in this county for more than a third of a century and has witnessed much of its development and progress.

Mr. Way was a prominent factor in the agricultural life of the county and was not only highly respected by the general public but held in warm regard by many close personal friends. Few if any of the citizens of Marion county have been held in higher esteem. He possessed a genial, joyous nature, always looked upon the bright side of things, and made friends wherever he went. He possessed a wonderful personality that attracted to him all with whom he came in contact. While he became a wealthy man he never boasted of his worldly goods and was charitable to a fault. No worthy person ever appealed to him for aid in vain and he had a hand constantly outreaching to help the poor and needy. His many acts of kindness extended into the broad field of common brotherhood and his sympathies into an ever widening circle. He was a man honored and loved by all. Few tributes will sink deeper into the human heart than one offered by an untutored farmer, a tenant on one of Mr. Way's farms for more than seven years, who, when he heard of the death of his friend and benefactor said: "The Almighty made few men equal to Owen Way." In manner he was quiet and

unassuming and when not occupied with business devoted the greater part of his time to his family. He enjoyed the social gatherings of his friends and was happy in extending the hospitality of his home to them. Mr. Way was prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of the blue lodge at Tracy, the chapter at Knoxville, the commandery at Oskaloosa and the Mystic Shrine at Des Moines. He leaves a name and reputation that are above reproach, for in all of his manifold business activities he was never known to take advantage of the necessities of another but conducted his business along strictly honorable lines and won the high respect of all with whom he came in contact. He judged men not by wealth but by worth, and true worth could ever win his regard. The poor did not prize more highly his benefactions than did his associates his cheery smile and kindly greeting. His was one of those natures that shed around them much of the sunshine of life. A modern philosopher has said: "Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success," and judged by this standard alone Charles Owen Way was a most successful man.

AUSTIN J. MORRIS.

Austin J. Morris, who came to Marion county on attaining his majority, has since resided within its borders and is a successful and representative merchant of Bussey, where he conducts a large and well patronized grocery and meat market. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 17th of September, 1856, his parents being John and Lucinda (Doudle) Morris, who were natives of Ohio and Virginia respectively. Both passed away in the Buckeye state. They had a family of six children, all of whom still survive.

Austin J. Morris attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. When twenty-one years of age he came to Marion county, Iowa, and subsequently took up his abode in Bussey, where he is now conducting a well appointed grocery and meat market, owning a large double store and having one of the best establishments of the kind in the county. An extensive patronage is accorded him that is indeed well deserved, for he studies the wishes of his customers and enjoys an enviable reputation as a courteous, enterprising and reliable merchant. He owns two handsome residences in Bussey and also four hundred and eighty acres of land in Canada.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Morris chose Mrs. Anna (Hazlett) Martin, a native of Ohio and a daughter of John Hazlett, deceased. Our subject and his wife have two daughters: Mabel B., who gave her hand in marriage to Thomas Flockhart, of Bussey; and Winnie L., the wife of Joseph Phoenix, also of Bussey. By her first husband Mrs. Morris had three children, namely: Barbara, who is the widow of Ed P. Adams; Charles, who is a resident of Monroe county, Iowa; and John, deceased.

Mr. Morris is a republican in his political views but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. He and his family attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a man of exemplary habits and strict integrity, and all who know him entertain for him the highest regard and esteem.

JAMES B. VRIEZELAAR.

James B. Vriezelaar is prominent in various lines of activity in Otley, being a merchant, a stockholder in a number of companies and also one of the leaders in public affairs. He was born in Pella on the 4th of January, 1859, a son of Gradus and Mary (Brain) Vriezelaar. The former was born in Lakement, Gelderland, Holland, in 1831. When a young man he came to America and settled at Paterson, New Jersey, as there was quite an extensive Dutch settlement there. About four years after his marriage to Mary Brain, which occurred about 1854, in Paterson, they came to Pella. Mr. Vriezelaar worked at a number of occupations after arriving in this county, being employed by the day at first and subsequently operating a rented farm a half mile east of Otley. In 1863 he had four yoke of cattle. He later purchased land, becoming the owner of about one hundred and sixty acres, but before his death he had increased his holdings to two hundred and forty acres. At his demise his sons took charge of the land and assumed the debt of four thousand dollars against the property. They eventually paid that off and the land is still in the possession of the family. Mr. Vriezelaar was killed in 1877 by a bull. His wife was born on the 4th of February, 1825, in Holland and was married there to William Laauwe, who died upon the ocean while they were emigrating to the United States. By this marriage she had one son, William Laauwe. She arrived in this country in 1848 and, as before stated, married Mr. Vriezelaar in Paterson, New Jersey. To their union were born the

following children: Arie, James B., Cornelia, Henry, Gradus and Nellie.

James B. Vriezelaar received his education in the country schools and was reared under the parental roof. In 1886 he began his independent business career by starting a general store in Otley. He commenced on a small scale but has enlarged his business as his circumstances have permitted and now has one of the leading mercantile establishments of the town. He owns the property in which his store is located and altogether owns about three business blocks. He also holds title to his comfortable residence which he erected and which is well designed, being both conveniently arranged and attractive in appearance. He is a stockholder in the Otley Telephone Company, in which he was also a director, and he owns considerable farm land, including one hundred and seventy-four acres in Summit township adjoining Otley, a quarter section of land on section 1 and a fifth interest in a one hundred and twenty acre tract. At the time of his mother's death there were eleven hundred and twenty acres to be divided and Mr. Vriezelaar assisted in settling up the estate to the satisfaction of all the heirs. Although he has been very active in mercantile lines and has devoted considerable time to the supervision of his other interests, he has also taken a prominent part in local governmental affairs. Since old enough to vote he has held office continuously. He has been elected to all the township offices on the republican ticket and for two years was county supervisor. He has always given the best of his thought and energy to the duties devolving upon him as an official and his record of continuous service in office is proof of the confidence that his fellow citizens repose in him. He has always been faithful to every trust and has safeguarded the interests committed to his care. Although he is one of the well-to-do and substantial citizens of Otley, he has met at times with financial reverses, having been through two bank failures.

Mr. Vriezelaar was married in 1884 to Miss Mattie De Reus, a daughter of Arie De Reus, a resident of Pella. Her birth occurred in this county in 1860 and she was educated in the country schools. To her parents were born fifteen children, ten of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Vriezelaar have eight children living and have lost two. Gradus J. married Miss Artie Heullaman and they have three children. Ira G. married Miss Sarah Klein, by whom he has two children. William A. married Miss Carrie Van Bentom and they have one child. Maggie is the wife of John Van Der Bard, a farmer, and is the mother of two children. Mamie and Henry, twins, are both at home, as are also Jimmie and Martha, the last named being

now sixteen years old. Henry, the first of that name, died August 23, 1890, at the age of ten months and twenty-three days, while another child named Mamie died November 18, 1892, at the age of five years.

The family attend the Baptist church and can be depended upon to further in any way possible the moral advancement of the community. Mr. Vriezelaar has other interests in addition to those already mentioned, as he has been secretary and treasurer of the Pella Pipe & Tank Company from its organization. The concern is capitalized for twenty thousand dollars and is well managed, paying good dividends. He also owns a coal mine near Otley and supplies a big local trade. Whether in private or public life, he has invariably guided his conduct by high standards of ethics and the greater number of his acquaintances are also his loyal friends.

JOHN WILLIAM KIRK.

John William Kirk is a farmer residing in Knoxville township and in addition to his interests here has a section of land in Saskatchewan, Canada, which he has owned since 1894. He is one of the representative citizens of his township and is highly esteemed by those who have come in contact with him. He has lived in this county for the greater part of his life and is a native son thereof, his birth occurring in August, 1865, some four miles southwest of Knoxville, on what is known as the old Curtis farm.

His parents were Benjamin S. and Mary E. (Kelley) Kirk, both of whom are now deceased. The former was born on the 13th of November, 1838, in Columbiana county, Ohio, of Quaker parentage. His father, William Kirk, was born on the 14th of November, 1779, and his mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Gilbert, was born on the 5th of July, 1790. Mr. and Mrs. William Kirk removed to Columbiana county, Ohio, from the Keystone state and the former died there on the 31st of October, 1860. His widow died on the 5th of March, 1873, at Oskaloosa, Iowa. He was a horseman and in the early days conducted a stage route. He was an officer in the Quaker church and in his daily life exemplified his sincere faith. The records of the time of the Revolution show that members of the family fought in that conflict with the mother country.

Benjamin S. Kirk was reared in Columbiana county, Ohio, but in 1864 came to Marion county and in the fall of that year was mar-

ried to Miss Mary E. Kelley. About 1870 or 1871 he purchased a farm in Washington township, which remained his home until the fall of 1904, when he removed to Knoxville and resided there until his death on the 12th of April, 1912. For many years he engaged in teaching school and was noted in his locality as an unusually fine penman. He was also a farmer and stock-raiser and his efforts along those lines met with gratifying success. For more than three years during the Civil war he served in the Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was the first three-year regiment to leave the Buckeye state. He was a republican and served in various offices, being quite prominent in local political circles. Through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic he kept in touch with the other veterans of the Civil war in his county and found this association a very pleasant one. He was also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, and both were held in high esteem by those who knew them. Mrs. Kirk was also a native of Columbiana county, born March 16, 1840, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Brubaker) Kelley, who in the fall of 1862 brought their family to this county. Her father was a railroad contractor in his younger days but after his arrival here turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and entered land from the government in Knoxville township, which is known as the W. A. Kelley farm, although it is now owned by a grandson, John Kelley. The father of Mrs. Kirk died in March, 1892, and her mother passed away on the 1st of January, 1887. Mrs. Kirk lived more than the span of life allotted to mankind by the Psalmist, as she was seventy-two years of age when her death occurred on the 24th of January, 1913. She was the mother of three children: John William, of this review; Lora Anna, who married B. D. Marsh, of Indianola, this state; and Edith, who died at the age of two years.

John W. Kirk was reared in Washington township, this county, upon the old homestead on section 5, and attended the public schools of the neighborhood. As a boy and youth a great deal of his time was given to assisting with the work of the farm and in this way he gained practical training that has been of inestimable value to him, so that by the time he was grown he was an experienced agriculturist and was well qualified to operate a farm on his own account. In 1892 he was married and began farming independently in Washington township, where he met with gratifying success in his agricultural operations. In 1907 he removed to Saskatchewan, Canada, and purchased six hundred and forty acres of land, remaining there for about five years and then returning to this county. He built his

present fine home upon the farm near Knoxville, in Knoxville township, and there he and his wife now reside. Mr. Kirk has leased his Canada land and it returns to him a good annual income. He is carrying on general farming upon his farm in this county but makes a specialty of breeding Duroc Jersey hogs and finds this branch of his activities a very remunerative one. In all that he does he is progressive and energetic, and his financial success is the natural result of his industry and good management.

On the 13th of September, 1892, Mr. Kirk was united in marriage with Miss Lewessa C. Lakin, who was born near Oskaloosa, Iowa, on the 13th of May, 1868, a daughter of Everton T. and Elizabeth P. (Bernard) Lakin. Her father was born in 1838 and in his youth removed from Guernsey county, Ohio, to Iowa. He was married in Monroe, this state, and subsequently settled near Oskaloosa. For a number of years he taught school and was known throughout his locality for his fine penmanship. He died on the 9th of November, 1911, in Saskatchewan, Canada, where he had lived for some time. He served for four years in the Civil war, being a member of an Ohio regiment. His wife was born in 1844 and died on the 26th of June, 1900. Both were members of the Methodist church. They were the parents of four daughters, as follows: Mrs. John W. Kirk; Jessie, who became the wife of P. H. McEwen and died on the 19th of April, 1906, at Oskaloosa; Stella, who married H. A. Good and passed away in Minnesota on the 19th of July, 1910; and Adella, the wife of W. L. Wyman, of Park Rapids, Minnesota. Mrs. Kirk was reared in the vicinity of Oskaloosa and in that city and attended a business college there. She taught school for several terms, including ten months as shorthand instructor in a business college. To Mr. and Mrs. Kirk ten children were born: Mabel, the wife of V. A. Merriman, of Knoxville township; Howard, Warren, Esther, Jessie, Ruth and Alice, at home; Ernest, deceased; and Edna and Willis, at home. Three of the children are attending the Knoxville high school.

Mr. Kirk is a republican, as he believes that the policies of that party are best calculated to secure the prosperity of the country. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and their support can be depended upon in all movements seeking the moral welfare of the community. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, and both he and his wife belong to the Rebekahs of Knoxville. He has thoroughly identified himself with the interests of the county and believes that the opportunities here offered are unusually

great and that energy and good judgment will enable a man to win financial success. He has not only won material prosperity but has also gained the unqualified esteem of his fellow citizens and the warm regard of many friends.

OLIVER P. WRIGHT.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in the business and financial circles of Knoxville than does Oliver P. Wright. This is not due alone to the success he has achieved but to the honorable, straightforward policy which he has followed, his course ever measuring up to the highest standards of business integrity. Early recognizing the eternal principle that industry wins, he made industry the beacon light of his life and it has led him at length to the goal of success and prosperity.

Born in Putnam county, Indiana, on the 17th of March, 1844, Mr. Wright is a son of Larkin and Delilah Wright, both of whom were natives of Putnam county. The father was a son of Benjamin J. Wright, who was born in Rowan county, North Carolina, April 18, 1794, and he was a son of Benjamin S. Wright, whose birth occurred in Rowan county in 1752. The latter was a son of Richard Wright, who came to America during the colonial epoch in the history of this country, since which time his descendants have belonged to that class of representative American citizens who have upheld and promoted the stability and progress of the nation along various lines.

Larkin Wright was a farmer of Indiana and upon his removal to Knoxville in 1854 engaged in the live-stock business and also in merchandising. In 1862, in connection with J. E. Neal, he established a private bank under the firm style of Neal & Wright, and in time the name was changed to the Marion County Bank. This later was merged into the Knoxville National Bank, with Mr. Wright as president for a few years. Later he became president of the Marion County National Bank and so continued until his death, which occurred in February, 1890. His business interests were ever of a character that contributed in substantial measure to the development and upbuilding of city and county. Moreover, he was active in politics as a stalwart supporter of the republican party, although he never accepted office. He contributed also to the moral development of the community and held membership in the Christian church

and in the Masonic fraternity, belonging to both the blue lodge and chapter. To him and his wife were born five children, as follows: Oliver P., of this review; Cynthia J., who gave her hand in marriage to Judge Gamble; Francis M., deceased, who followed agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career; Naomi, who died at the age of four years; and Charles L., a practicing physician of South Des Moines.

Oliver P. Wright spent the first ten years of his life in his native county and then accompanied his parents to Marion county, where for sixty years he has now made his home. Every phase of the county's development is familiar to him and in promoting its progress he has been an important factor. He entered the mercantile and live-stock business with his father about 1857, having in the meantime acquired a public-school education. He has brought zeal and energy to everything that he has undertaken, and strong and resolute purpose has enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path.

For forty-five years he has been continuously connected with financial interests, first becoming bookkeeper of the Marion County Bank, in which he was promoted to the position of cashier in 1869. In 1871 he went to Pella, Iowa, and assisted in starting the First National Bank, of which he became the cashier. In May, 1872, he returned to Knoxville, where he organized the Marion County National Bank and was its cashier until 1891, when he was elected to the presidency and as its chief officer has since shaped its policies and directed its interests. There is no question of the stability of this institution. Safe, conservative methods have always been followed and there is no phase of the banking business with which Mr. Wright is not familiar, his long experience enabling him to carefully control the interests of the bank in such a way as to safeguard the depositors as well as promote the success of the stockholders. He has also continued active as a dealer in live stock and in land for many years and is the owner of a large number of farms, having placed much of his means in the safest of all investments—real estate.

In November, 1865, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Artie Marsh, of this county, a daughter of Osborn and Jane Marsh, who came to Marion county in June, 1849, when this was a pioneer district upon the western frontier. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and Mr. Marsh entered a claim and developed a farm which is still in the possession of the family. He was a progressive citizen and was the owner of the first buggy in the

county. About 1857 he went to Indianapolis, where he purchased the vehicle for four hundred dollars in gold and then drove home across the country in his new possession. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are the parents of five children, namely: Carrie B., who gave her hand in marriage to E. B. Mitchell, of Lima, Ohio; Ora L.; William, who is a resident of Knoxville, Iowa; Maude, who is the wife of Harry Armstrong, of Des Moines; and Dana, who wedded Sherley Percival, of Des Moines.

Mr. Wright is entitled to wear the little bronze button of the Grand Army of the Republic, for in May, 1864, when but twenty years of age, he offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company A, Forty-seventh Iowa Infantry, with which he remained until the regiment was mustered out in the fall of the same year. He is a prominent Mason, having attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also has membership with the Knights of Pythias and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. In politics he is a republican, earnest and stalwart in support of party principles but never an aspirant for office. He has always preferred to do his public duty as a private citizen and has given generous support to many measures for the welfare and benefit of the community. In fact he has been a leader in much that has brought about present-day conditions and he is justly accounted one of the most valued and worthy citizens of Knoxville.

JAMES B. DOUGLASS.

James B. Douglass has been successfully engaged in the lumber business at Harvey since 1900 and also holds the office of city assessor, ably and faithfully discharging his duties in that connection. His birth occurred in Iowa City, Johnson county, Iowa, on the 30th of September, 1867, his parents being William and Lucinda (Dent) Douglass, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in Putnam county, Illinois, to which place the mother had removed with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. William Douglass came to Iowa in the early '50s and in this state spent the remainder of their lives. To them were born eight children and all are yet living.

James B. Douglass enjoyed the advantages of a college education in his youth and spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. In 1893 he embarked in the lumber business at West Branch, Cedar county, Iowa, there conducting an enterprise of that character until 1900, when he came to Harvey, Marion county. Here he commenced business as a lumber dealer, handling all kinds of building materials. In 1902 he sold out to the Anthes Lumber Company, managing their business. They in turn sold out to the Pauls Lumber Company, Mr. Douglass continuing as manager. His reputation for integrity is unassailable and his well directed efforts have resulted in success. He owns an attractive residence and also some lots in Harvey, where he is well known as an enterprising, progressive and representative citizen.

On the 2d of January, 1895, Mr. Douglass was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Belle Miller, a native of New Jersey and a daughter of Aaron and Nettie (Taylor) Miller, who were born in New Jersey and Iowa respectively. Both have passed away and one of their two children is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Douglass have been born four children, as follows: Dent, whose natal day was February 6, 1896, and who is a graduate of the Knoxville high school; Grace E., who was born February 8, 1902, and died January 3, 1903; Hugh T., whose birth occurred November 3, 1903; and Lois B., born November 10, 1906.

In politics Mr. Douglass is a staunch republican and at the present time acts in the capacity of city assessor, making a creditable and commendable record in that connection. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 381, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 18, R. A. M., at Knoxville; and Chapter No. 164, O. E. S. He is likewise affiliated with Lodge No. 199 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with his family he attends the services of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Douglass is interested in all the principal phases of life in his adopted county and his influence is ever on the side of progress and improvement.

ALBERT B. VAN HOUWELING.

Albert B. Van Houweling, connected with the financial affairs of Pella as vice president of the Security Bank, in which capacity he has served since 1912, was born in this county, on the 8th of June, 1885, a son of Albert and Annie (Klein) Van Houweling, both

natives of Holland. The former was a son of Gysbert Van Houweling, who in 1847 brought his family to this country and settled at Pella. He was a farmer by occupation and was a man of strict integrity of character. The father of the subject of this review was also an agriculturist and was very successful in that occupation. He died in October, 1892. His wife, who also came to Pella in 1847, accompanying her parents, survives at the age of seventy years. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Van Houweling were members of the Dutch Reformed church. To them were born eleven children, four of whom have passed away.

Albert B. Van Houweling was given the advantages of a public-school education and subsequently took a business course in Central College at Pella. He desired a more liberal general education, however, and for two years was a student at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Upon leaving school he entered the banking business and since 1912 has been vice president of the Security Bank, which is one of the reliable financial institutions of Pella. Although quite a young man, he has demonstrated his fitness for responsibility and his friends predict a successful career for him.

Mr. Van Houweling was married on the 7th of August, 1912, to Miss Nettie Van Zante, of Portland, Oregon, and has a daughter, Anna Elva May. Mr. Van Houweling is a member of the Dutch Reformed church and in politics casts an independent ballot, preferring to judge for himself as to the candidate most capable of filling the office in question without reference to party affiliation. He and his wife are popular among the young people of the city and often entertain their friends at their hospitable home.

NEWTON F. MILLER.

Newton F. Miller is a progressive farmer residing in the vicinity of Knoxville and is well known in Marion county. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, in 1849, a son of Jacob and Eliza (Weir) Miller, natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and Highland county, Ohio, respectively. The father was born in 1816 and the mother in 1823. Their marriage occurred in Highland county, Ohio, and the mother passed away there in 1867. The father removed to Warren county, Iowa, in that year and in 1868 came to Marion county, purchasing land in Pleasant Grove township, which

he farmed until about 1888. He then went to Pleasantville and lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1890. He was a democrat in politics. Following the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Ducksworth, by whom he had one child. Newton F. Miller was the third in order of birth of the six children born of the first marriage.

Mr. Miller of this review accompanied his father to Iowa in the late '60s. His education was mainly acquired in Ohio, but he studied for a term in the Central University of Iowa at Pella after the removal to this county. When twenty-one years of age he married, and began farming for himself, previous to which time he had taught school in the winter and assisted his father in the work of the home farm during the summer. The first year that he farmed for himself he rented land, but at the age of twenty-two years he had saved sufficient to enable him to purchase forty acres in Pleasant Grove township. He subsequently purchased a farm in Franklin township and in 1899 bought the farm where he now resides, which is situated on section 2, Knoxville township, and consists of fifty-five acres. He also owns two hundred acres on section 3, that township, a part of the last mentioned tract of land being rented and part devoted to pasture. Mr. Miller has about forty head of cattle and also raises Red Jersey hogs, devoting more attention to the raising of stock than to the cultivation of grain, as he believes it more profitable. He has resided in Knoxville township since 1894, although he did not purchase his present home farm until 1899. He has made all of the improvements upon the place and everything is in a splendid condition, his residence being large, comfortable and of attractive appearance. On the 1st of October, 1909, at the suggestion of Judge Crozier he organized the bank in Knoxville which is known as the Guaranty Bank and was cashier of the institution for three years and nine months. At the end of that time he sold his interest to E. R. Jordan, assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank of Pleasantville, and his brother for a consideration of ninety-five hundred dollars, or one hundred and twenty-five dollars a share, as he owned seventy-six shares. Mr. Miller placed the bank upon a sound basis and it is now one of the most substantial institutions of the kind in the county.

Mr. Miller was married to Miss Mary J. Elliott, who was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, about 1846 and passed away in 1870. Mr. Miller subsequently married Miss Candis Marsh, a native of this county, and they have five children: Ruby M., who is a sophomore at Simpson College, Indianola; Ruth Helen, who is a freshman at the same college and who won a scholarship, as she was the

valedictorian of the class of 1914 at the Knoxville high school, and Edna Frances, Leon N. and Robert L., all in school.

Mr. Miller is a democrat and from 1896 to 1900 served acceptably as county auditor, being the first auditor who had offices in the new courthouse which was finished in January, 1897. His activities as a farmer have not only won him financial independence but have aided in the agricultural development of the county, and his upright and straightforward life has gained him general respect.

JAMES U. WALKER.

James U. Walker is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Marion county. He owns and occupies a splendidly improved farm of one hundred and fifty acres and lives in the old home of his father, Francis M. Walker, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of another son, John J. Walker. It was on the 18th of October, 1873, that James U. Walker first opened his eyes to the light of day. He was reared upon the old home farm and after attending the common schools near his home spent a year as a student in Ackworth. He has followed farming successfully since starting out in business life on his own account and has made many of the improvements upon his place. He has a fine home here and the farm presents a neat and thrifty appearance. A glance at the place indicates that its owner must be a man of progressive spirit and of unfaltering diligence, for the fields are well tilled, the fences and buildings are kept in good repair and there is every evidence of careful supervision and progressive methods. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate Mr. Walker also engages in the raising of graded stock and his annual sales bring to him a gratifying income.

Mr. Walker has been married twice. On the 7th of February, 1895, he wedded Miss Della Camp, a daughter of the late John Camp, and to them was born a son, Francis Marion, who was named for his paternal grandfather and who is at Fort McDermott, Nevada, with his mother. Mr. Walker's present wife was Miss Mamie Mote, whom he wedded February 23, 1910. She was born in Palmyra, Iowa, a daughter of Ephraim and Ann Eliza (Gilman) Mote. The family were early settlers in Warren county, having taken up their abode near Palmyra in 1846, when Ephraim Mote was but a young lad. His parents removed from Ohio to Iowa and cast in

their lot with the pioneer residents of this state. Ephraim Mote was born in 1834 and was therefore seventy-eight years of age when, in July, 1912, he passed away. His widow is now living in Des Moines, at the age of sixty-eight years. Mrs. Walker was reared and educated near Indianola and by her marriage has become the mother of one daughter, Esta Bernice, born July 19, 1911.

Politically Mr. Walker is a republican, voting for the men and measures of the party, yet never an office seeker. Fraternally he is connected with both the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Odd Fellows, while he and his wife are connected with the Rebekahs. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge and of the Modern Woodmen camp of Pleasantville, while his wife is a member of the Christian church. They are both well known in this county and many speak of them in terms of high regard. Mr. Walker is, moreover, recognized as one of the leading farmers of Swan township, employing all the modern methods which have made this one of the rich agricultural districts of the state.

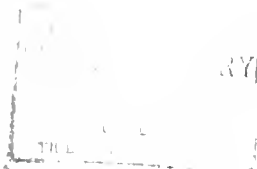
SAMUEL ROSS GRIFFITH.

Samuel Ross Griffith, a well known farmer and stockman of Knoxville township, was born at Mount Morris, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1867, a son of Samuel and Juliana (Burris) Griffith, both of whom were born near Morgantown, West Virginia. The father's natal day was September 30, 1814, and the mother's January 9, 1829. They were married at Mount Morris, Pennsylvania, and the father farmed in that state until 1868, when the family removed to Pella, Marion county, Iowa. The following December they located in Wayne county, this state, and remained there for three years, after which they returned to this county and the father purchased the land now owned by our subject. He was a soldier of the Civil war and was faithful in the discharge of all duties. He died on the 6th of August, 1888, and his wife passed away on the 7th of July, 1907. Further information concerning them is found in the sketch of S. J. Marsh, published elsewhere in this work.

Samuel Ross Griffith was about a year old when brought by his parents to this county and the greater part of his boyhood was passed upon the farm where he still resides, although he lived for three years in Wayne county, this state. He was educated in the common schools and his training thus acquired was supplemented by a prac-



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tical knowledge of agriculture gained by assisting in the cultivation of the home farm. Since starting out in life for himself he has devoted his time and energy to the work of the fields and has gained an enviable reputation as a successful farmer and stockman. He owns two hundred and thirty-eight acres on section 5, Knoxville township, and as the land is fertile and everything about the place is kept in good condition the property is a valuable one.

Mr. Griffith is a republican but has never aspired to office, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his agricultural operations. Fraternally he belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose at Knoxville and he attends the Methodist church. His life is guided by honorable principles and he is recognized not only as a successful man but as an upright and conscientious citizen.

HENRY CHESNUT.

Henry Chesnut, whose widow resides in the village of Columbia, was born in Illinois on the 26th of July, 1858, and in that state was reared and educated. Many years ago he came west to Iowa and at Knoxville, on the 1st of May, 1888, was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, the widow of David Smith and previously the widow of Peter Butterfield. Her parents were John and Rebecca (Kay) Wilson. By her first marriage Mrs. Chesnut had five children, of whom three died in infancy, the others being John Oliver, who died at the age of two years, and George L., who lives near Flagler in this county. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Chesnut removed westward to Keith county, Nebraska, where they had a large ranch and twelve hundred head of cattle. He conducted extensive farming and stock-raising interests and his well managed business affairs resulted in the attainment of a most creditable and gratifying measure of success.

Mrs. Chesnut's parents came to this county many years ago and are now buried at Newburn. They had a family of twelve children, all of whom reached adult age, but all are now deceased save Mrs. Chesnut. Three of the children, sons, were lost while serving as soldiers in the Civil war. Henry Harrison Wilson was poisoned by water and died from the effects. John Oliver Wilson had his arm shot off and died from gangrene. Jacob was killed at the battle of Shiloh. Another brother, Leonard, enlisted and was never heard

from again, so it is supposed that he, too, laid down his life upon the altar of his country.

The death of Mr. Chesnut occurred at Salina, Kansas, July 18, 1906. He was independent in politics but was interested in public affairs and cooperated in various movements for the general good. He was ever a busy man and his life was one of usefulness as well as of activity. While his later years were passed in the west, he is yet remembered by many of the older settlers of Marion county who knew him in youth and young manhood and entertained for him warm regard.

JOHN W. FREE.

John W. Free was a respected and representative citizen of Indiana township for many years and when death called him in 1906 his demise was deeply regretted by many friends as well as by his immediate family. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, September 16, 1829, and was therefore about seventy-seven years of age when called to his final rest. His parents, Frederick and Susan (Mark) Free, were also natives of the Buckeye state, where they lived until 1853 and then started westward by wagon with Marion county as their destination. By the slow stages of that method of travel they proceeded until they at length reached Iowa and took up their abode upon a farm in this part of the state. For one year their home was a log cabin and at the end of that time they built a frame house, which they occupied until they were called to their final rest. In their family were five children but all have now passed away.

John W. Free spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native state and was a young man of about twenty-four years when the family came to Iowa. In the fall of 1860 he was married in this county to Miss Mary Walker, who was also a native of Ross county, Ohio, her parents being John and Juda (Benson) Walker, who were likewise natives of Ohio and were of Scotch descent. In the fall of 1850 they removed westward to this county, taking up their abode upon a farm, and for five years they lived in a log house. At the end of that time the father had won a substantial measure of prosperity, so that he was enabled to erect good buildings. Other improvements were added to the farm and the land was brought under a high state of cultivation, so that the place became one of the attractive and valuable farming properties of the county. Both Mr. and Mrs.

Walker continued to reside upon that place until called to their final rest. In their family were five children, of whom three are living.

After their marriage Mr. Free began the cultivation of the farm upon which he and his wife resided almost five decades. His work was soon manifest in highly cultivated fields which were yielding good harvests. As science and investigation brought changes in methods of farming he eagerly embraced these and purchased the latest improved machinery in order to facilitate the work of the fields. He was energetic and determined and as the result of his labors gained a handsome competence. Those who knew him recognized in him sterling traits of character and thus it was that his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret when in 1906 he was called from this life. In politics he had always been a stanch republican but not an office seeker.

Mrs. Free survives and is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Indiana township and also of a fine residence in Attica, which she now occupies. She is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, widely known as an earnest Christian woman. For many years she has been numbered among the pioneer settlers of the county and a witness of its many changes. The logs that were used in building the first courthouse of Marion county were cut from the farm which she now owns. She can relate many interesting incidents of the early days and her reminiscences constitute a delightful tale, giving a vivid picture of conditions which existed a half century ago, of the methods of life at that time and of the hospitality and good-will which was everywhere prevalent among the early settlers.

ISAAC WESLEY BRADEY.

Isaac Wesley Bradey owns and operates a farm of sixty-eight acres on section 35, Knoxville township, and has made many of the improvements thereon, which render his place one of the valuable and productive farms of the neighborhood. His birth occurred on this section on the 9th of December, 1852, and the old frame dwelling in which he first opened his eyes to the light of day is still one of the landmarks of the community. Prior to its erection the family occupied a log cabin, for they were among the pioneer settlers of the county and were closely identified with the early phases of frontier life here.

The parents of Mr. Bradey were Isaac and Lydia Ann (Cloe) Bradey, both of whom are now deceased. The father, who was born in Indiana in 1811, passed away December 7, 1874, and the mother, who was born in Stafford county, Virginia, March 13, 1813, died on the 3d of February, 1894, when in the eighty-first year of her age. She was a daughter of Henry and Ann Cloe, who removed to Kentucky in 1816 and in 1831 took their family to Vermilion county, Illinois. That was a year before the Black Hawk war occurred. In 1832 she became the wife of Gilbert Cloe, who died in 1833, leaving a daughter, Narcissus, who is now the widow of William London and resides at Carson, Iowa. In the '40s Isaac Bradey arrived in Marion county, Iowa, after having spent some time in Vermilion county, Illinois. It was there that he was married in 1836 to Mrs. Lydia Ann Cloe and three children were born to them in that state. In 1845 they left Illinois for Iowa, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Marion county at a day when the government owned much of the land. Mr. Bradey secured a claim on section 35, Knoxville township, a part of which is now owned by his son, Isaac W. Bradey. The family shared in all of the hardships and privations incident to settlement upon the western frontier and participated in the work which brought about the transformation of the county from a wild and undeveloped region into one of the populous and prosperous sections of the state.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bradey were members of the Methodist Protestant church and took an active and helpful interest in its work. They had a family of nine children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: John, who resides in Knoxville; H. B., who died in Knoxville township about 1899; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Hezekiah Davis and resides in Missouri; Nancy Ella, the wife of S. G. Elder, of Knoxville township; Martha Ann, who married Captain Henry McCoy, of Knoxville; Isaac Wesley; S. B., who lives in Knoxville but is the owner of a farm in this county; and Lydia, the wife of Van O. Davis, of Madison county, Nebraska.

Isaac W. Bradey, born in this county in pioneer times, was educated in the public schools and has always remained a resident of Knoxville township with the exception of a period of three years. His life has been devoted to farming and he is today the owner of sixty-eight acres of land situated on section 35, Knoxville township, which is a part of the old homestead claim that was entered by his father from the government.

On the 15th of July, 1875, Mr. Bradey was united in marriage to Miss Mary Asbury Scott, a daughter of Robert Scott, who resided

near Attica and died in 1857. Her mother afterward became the wife of a Mr. Walls and passed away in Minnesota. Mrs. Bradley was born in Knoxville township, in 1855, and her only brother died in the west in early manhood. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley became the parents of six children: Mossey, the wife of William Calkins, of Indiana township; Willis, a farmer and trader of Marysville; May, the wife of Ira Ingram, living in Decatur county; Oscar and Worth, both of whom died in childhood; and Fern, fourteen years of age, at home.

Mr. Bradley, his wife and family are all members of the Christian church. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He and his family occupy an enviable position in social circles and the high esteem of many friends is freely given them.

JOHN F. FEE.

John F. Fee, a farmer and stock-raiser of Knoxville township, has resided in this county since 1849 and is a brother of George W. Fee, whose record is given elsewhere in this work. He was born in Crawford county, Indiana, August 11, 1841, a son of Christopher and Susan (Means) Fee, who in 1846 removed to Van Buren county, Iowa, and three years later to Marion county. The father was a native of Virginia.

John F. Fee was eight years of age when he accompanied his parents to this county and has resided here continuously since. As a boy he attended subscription schools, in which his entire education was acquired, as he never went to a free school. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Western Army and participated in the siege of Vicksburg. He was then sent west to the Yazoo river, to Arkansas and to the Indian country and was mustered out at Gibson, in the territory belonging to the Cherokee Nation. He was in the army something over three years and when discharged held the rank of color bearer of his company. He was never injured but suffered from disease, though he never drew a pension until his age entitled him to one. After returning from the front he remained upon his father's farm for two years but after his marriage, which occurred in 1867, he located upon the James Gamble farm near Knoxville, where he remained until the fall of 1879, when he removed to his

present farm, which is situated in Knoxville township, near White Breast creek, and comprises one hundred and eighty acres. It is rich and productive, lying mostly in the bottoms. He has made most of the improvements thereon and has one of the valuable farming properties of his locality. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and as he is energetic and progressive his labors yield him a gratifying annual income.

On the 22d of March, 1867, Mr. Fee was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Octavia Clark, who was born in Dade county, Georgia, near Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1844. Her parents were James and Minerva (McKaig) Clark, the former a native of Tennessee. They were married on the 18th of April, 1841, and in the spring of 1849 came to Marion county, locating in the northwestern part of Knoxville township, where the father entered land which he owned and operated until his death on the 19th of April, 1901, when he was eighty-three years, six months and sixteen days of age. The mother died on the 4th of September, 1853, leaving seven small children, four sons and three daughters. On the 24th of December of the following year Mr. Clark married Mrs. Marinda Miller, by whom he had seven children, three sons and four daughters. She had also been previously married and had two children by her first union. She passed away on the 11th of June, 1896. Five of the children of the first marriage are still living. Of the second family of children two died young, another daughter died after her marriage and four are still living. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Fee was an Old-School Baptist preacher. She has resided in this county since 1849 and is widely known and highly respected. Mr. and Mrs. Fee have four children, as follows: James, born in 1867, is a farmer of Knoxville township. He married Miss Cora Workman and they have three daughters, Grace B., Letha Verna and Ione Octavia. Walter F., born April 8, 1880, is at home. He married Emma Alberta Fisher, who passed away June 20, 1914, leaving one son, Wilbur J. Annabel, who was born January 6, 1870, passed away on the 11th of August, 1873. Alonzo Everett, whose birth occurred on the 18th of February, 1875, died November 2d of the year following.

Mr. Fee is a democrat and has served in some school and district offices. He enjoys his association with his old army comrades through his membership in Knoxville Post, No. 49, G. A. R., and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church of Knoxville. They have both resided in the county since 1849 and their reminiscences serve to make real for many of the younger generation the earlier

days in the history of this section, when pioneer conditions still prevailed. Throughout their long lives they have devoted their energies to useful activities, have conformed their conduct to high moral standards, and in the evening of their lives they are rich in friends and honor as well as in years.

ORA LEE WRIGHT.

No history of the banking business in Iowa would be complete were there failure to make reference to the Wright family, for grandfather, father and son have been most active and prominent factors in shaping the records of the state in this regard. The work instituted by the grandfather and continued by the father, Oliver P. Wright, who is now president of the Marion County National Bank, is being carried on still further by Ora L. Wright, whose name introduces this review. He belongs to that younger generation of business men called upon to shoulder responsibilities differing materially from those resting upon their predecessors. In a broader field of enterprise they find themselves obliged to deal with affairs of greater magnitude and to solve more difficult and complicated financial and economic problems. To such work Ora L. Wright is devoting his energies and the excellent result achieved is a familiar one to all who know aught of his career.

He was born in Knoxville on the 13th of June, 1870, and with the usual school training of the lad of that age and period he qualified for the duties of later life and in 1886 entered the employ of the Marion County National Bank as bookkeeper. Parental authority was not exercised to win him advancement. On the contrary, he knew that he must win his promotion and it came to him in 1888, when, after two years' experience, he was made assistant cashier. Three years later he was promoted to the position of cashier. From that time forward his activities in banking circles have constantly broadened in scope and importance. In 1900 he organized the Lovilia Exchange Bank at Lovilia, Iowa, and since it opened its doors for business on the 10th of December of that year he has been its vice president. He also organized the Columbia Savings Bank at Columbia, Iowa, of which he is the vice president, and he was the organizer of the Iowa Savings Bank at Tracy, of which he is the president. On the 25th of June, 1903, he organized the Peoples Bank of Dallas, Iowa, of which he was president, which was formed

as a private bank but was later converted into a state bank under the name of the Peoples Savings Bank. Subsequently it was reorganized with Mr. Wright as its president, as the First Trust & Savings Bank of Melcher, being removed to the town of Melcher. Mr. Wright is likewise a stockholder in the Citizens Bank and the First National Bank of Pleasantville, Iowa, and he is extensively engaged in the farm loan business, having a very large clientage in that connection. His financial interests have ever been most carefully conducted, for his sagacity is keen, his judgment sound and his energy indefatigable.

On the 11th of September, 1895, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Estella Dorcas Woodruff, the only daughter of Elias B. and Elizabeth Esther (Parker) Woodruff. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have become parents of two children, Esther Elizabeth and Florence Marjorie, the latter now a high-school pupil. The former, having graduated from the high school of Knoxville, is attending the Ward Belmont College at Nashville, Tennessee, where she is specializing in the study of expression.

The family is a very prominent one in the social circles of Knoxville and Mr. Wright stands as one of the foremost representatives of Masonry in his native city. Having taken the degrees of the blue lodge, he passed on through the York Rite, becoming a Knight Templar. It was in 1891 that he became an entered apprentice in Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M. He now has membership in Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., and in 1894 he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R. In 1896 he became a Knight Templar in De Payne's Commandery, No. 6, K. T., of Oskaloosa, Iowa. In 1895 he crossed the sands of the desert with the nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Kaaba Temple at Davenport, but afterward demitted and aided in the organization of Za-Ga-Zig Temple of Des Moines, of which he is a charter member. He has held all of the chairs in the blue lodge, was master three years and since 1899 has been its treasurer, and is a life member of the grand lodge of the state. He has held all the offices in the chapter and was high priest for several years. In 1912 he organized Melita Commandery, No. 64, K. T., of Knoxville, of which he has since been the eminent commander. In 1899 and 1900 he was treasurer of the grand lodge of Iowa and he is an influential factor in Masonic circles, being one of the well known representatives of the order in the state. He is likewise a past chancellor of Knoxville Lodge, No. 72, K. P., and has been master of the exchequer for the past eighteen years.

In politics Mr. Wright is an active, earnest republican but is in no sense a politician as regards office seeking. He has never held political office but in 1914 was elected school director. It is well known that his aid and influence have ever been given on the side of advancement and improvement and he resolutely and generously supports all those movements which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. The subjective and objective forces of life are in him well balanced, making him cognizant of his own capabilities and powers, while at the same time he thoroughly understands his opportunities and his obligations. To make his native talents subserve the demands which conditions of society impose at the present time is the purpose of his life, and by reason of the mature judgment which characterizes his efforts at all times, he stands today as a splendid representative of the banker and investor to whom business is but one phase of life and does not exclude his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which go to make up human existence.

OSA BUTCHER.

Osa Butcher is devoting his life to farming and stock-raising in Swan township, where he owns a farm of two hundred and two and a half acres on section 25. His business interests are carefully conducted, for he knows that industry is the basis of all honorable success.

Marion county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred October 25, 1869, on the farm which is now his home, his parents being John and Celia (Ballard) Butcher, who came to this county at an early date and were here married. His great-grandfather, John Butcher, was one of the founders of the noted Wade & Butcher Company, razor manufacturers. He was an expert mechanic and early made razors by hand.

The father of our subject was born in Ireland, March 10, 1823, not far from the city of Dublin, and he came to America in his teens. After living in Ohio for a time he removed to Iowa in 1841, when eighteen years of age, and for three years was a resident of Wapello county, his home being near Eddyville, where for a time he engaged in merchandising. In 1844 he came to Marion county, which was then a frontier district in which there was little evidence that the seeds of civilization had been planted. The prairies were covered

with the native grasses, the forests were uncut and there was much wild game and many wild animals to be seen in the district. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and Mr. Butcher entered a claim in Swan township, thus becoming the owner of the property which is still in the possession of his son Osa. He performed the arduous task of developing a new farm, breaking the sod and converting the wild land into productive fields. He was an energetic man, however, and there were indeed few idle moments in his life. Soon his place showed the results of his handiwork in well tilled fields and substantial buildings. He continued to operate his farm successfully until his death, which occurred March 11, 1876. Many years before he had wedded Celia (Ballard) Amos, the widow of Pleasant Amos, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. After the death of Mr. Butcher his widow removed to Knoxville, establishing her home in the northern part of the city about 1894. There she still resides and is widely and favorably known. She belongs to the Baptist church, of which Mr. Butcher was also a consistent member, and in politics he was an earnest republican. He had a wide acquaintance and all who knew him spoke of him in terms of high regard. He, too, was married twice and by his first wife, whom he married in Wapello county, he had three children, one of whom is yet living, Mrs. Margaret Oldham, a resident of Oklahoma. Osa Butcher has one full brother, Richard, who is living near Indianola, where he follows farming. The other children of the second marriage are deceased.

Osa Butcher was reared on the old homestead farm upon which he now resides and which has always been his place of residence. He attended the district schools and mastered the branches of learning taught therein. Hewas trained in the work of the farm and early became familiar with the practical methods of tilling the soil, so that he was well qualified to take charge of the farm when it came into his possession. His entire life has been given to general agricultural pursuits and he has today a valuable property of two hundred and two and a half acres pleasantly and conveniently situated not far from the town of Pleasantville, on section 25, Swan township. He is always ready to adopt any new method which he believes will improve the farm or add to the productiveness of the fields, and he is equally successful as a stock-raiser.

On the 30th of November, 1890, Mr. Butcher was united in marriage to Miss Elsie C. Miner, who was born in Swan township, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Miner, now living retired at Pleasantville. Mrs. Butcher was reared and educated there and taught

for several years in the country schools. She has three brothers and one sister; Charles, who is a merchant of Percy, Iowa; Mrs. Annie Acklin, of Des Moines; Edward, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Loup City, Nebraska; and Garfield, residing at Carlock, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Butcher have become the parents of five children: Dean, who formerly engaged in teaching and was for some time in the railway mail service out of Chicago but is now at home; and Glen, Emma, Mary and John, all at home.

Mr. Butcher votes with the republican party and is a stalwart advocate of its principles. He has served for seven years as a trustee of Swan township. Socially he is connected with the Knights of Pythias of Pleasantville, holding membership in both the subordinate lodge and the Uniformed Rank. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity and his sons, Dean and Glen, are both Master Masons at Pleasantville. Dean is also connected with the Red Men. The family attend the Christian church, of which Mrs. Butcher is a member. They are widely and favorably known, occupying a prominent social position and enjoying the hospitality of the best homes in this part of the county.

ANDREW F. ROUZE.

Andrew F. Rouze is a progressive and enterprising young agriculturist of Marion county, cultivating a farm of fifty acres on section 25, Clay township. His birth occurred in that township on the 18th of June, 1885, his parents being H. N. and Cordelia (Black) Rouze. The father, a retired agriculturist residing in Tracy, is mentioned at greater length on another page of this work.

Andrew F. Rouze enjoyed the advantage of a college education in his youth and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he cultivated a rented tract of land for one year and then purchased a farm in Clay township which he operated for three years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and took up his abode on the farm of his father-in-law on section 25, Clay township, where he has carried on agricultural pursuits with excellent success to the present time.

On March 25, 1908, Mr. Rouze was united in marriage to Miss Bessie E. Hill, a native of Clay township, this county, born March 13, 1884, and a daughter of L. A. and Alice (Scott) Hill, the former born in Clay township and the latter in Mahaska county, Iowa.

They still make their home on a farm in Clay township, and three of their four children also survive. Mr. and Mrs. Rouze have one daughter, Freda Hill, whose natal day was June 14, 1911.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Rouze has supported the men and measures of the republican party. He has ably served in the capacity of road supervisor for three years and now holds the office of township assessor, making a creditable record in that connection. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Camp No. 1695, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is also affiliated. They have always remained residents of this county and are a popular and highly esteemed young couple.

JOSEPH H. YOUNG.

Joseph H. Young, a retired farmer living in Knoxville, is a veteran of the Civil war and represents a generation of men who unhesitatingly offered themselves in defense of the Union during its hour of danger. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 9th of December, 1839, a son of John and Frances (Hargrave) Young. The father was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 23d of November, 1812, and the mother in the same shire in June of that year. As a young man and young woman they came to this country and both settled in Cincinnati, where their marriage occurred. They continued to reside in that city for three or four years but removed to Shelby county, Indiana, in 1843. The father engaged in farming in that locality during the rest of his active life and when he retired removed to Shelbyville, where his death occurred in 1890. He had for many years survived the mother, who died upon the farm in 1858. He received but limited schooling in his youth but his energy and native intelligence made him a successful farmer and he became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of fine land. Both he and his wife were Methodists in religious faith. The subject of this review is the fifth in order of birth of their family of twelve children, the others who survive being: John, a resident of Sheridan, Hamilton county, Indiana; Anderson A., of Shelbyville, that state; and Charles, of Lovilia, Monroe county, Iowa. There is also a half-brother, Marquis J., who lives in Shelby county, Indiana. After the death of the mother of our subject the father married again, Mrs. Martha

Ogden becoming his wife in 1861. She survived him for two years and also passed away at Shelbyville.

Joseph H. Young was reared in Indiana, his time being occupied by attendance at the country schools and the work of the farm, in which he aided as soon as old enough to be of use. In September 1861, he enlisted in the Union army, being one of the first three hundred thousand enrolled for service. He was with the army for three years and ten months as a member of Company D, Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Captain E. T. McCray and Colonel John Coburn, of Indianapolis. The command was for a part of the time attached to the Army of the Cumberland and during the remainder of that period to the Army of the Ohio. Mr. Young participated in many engagements but was never wounded although he had a number of narrow escapes. He was, however, incapacitated by disease for about a year. Three of his brothers were also Union soldiers, one being in the same company and another in the Ninety-third Indiana Infantry, while Charles responded to the hundred-day call in 1864 at the age of sixteen years.

At the close of the struggle Joseph H. Young returned to Indiana, where he farmed for a year, but in September, 1866, he came to Marion county, Iowa, locating in Liberty township, near Tracy, where he purchased a farm which he operated for twenty years and then removed to Pella in order to educate his children. He resided there for a score of years but in March, 1912, came to Knoxville, buying his present comfortable home. He is nearly seventy-five years of age and can look back upon a long life of useful endeavor and worthy accomplishment. He has said: "I wish to live, no preventing Providence, until 'Uncle Sam' pays me thirty dollars per month, which will come to pass if I survive to December 9, 1914."

Mr. Young was married in 1870, in this county, to Miss Lavina Jolliffe, a native of Illinois and a daughter of the late Collins Jolliffe. She passed away in March, 1874, when but twenty-seven years of age, leaving a son, W. A., who resides in Pella. A year later Mr. Young married Mrs. Eliza M. Garrison, a native of Decatur, Indiana, who removed as a young girl to Davis county, Iowa, subsequently to Wapello county and finally to this county. She was the widow of Alonzo Garrison, a veteran of the Civil war and a resident of Wapello county, Iowa, up to the time of his death in 1872. By her first marriage she had three children: Mary Gertrude, the wife of Wallace Read of Ames, Iowa; Jane, the wife of Dr. David Christ of Ames, Iowa, where they both are practising physicians; and Lemuel Addison, a Baptist minister of Caldwell, Idaho, and a

well known educator. Mrs. Young was sixty-five years of age in January, 1914, and her well spent life entitles her to the respect of all. By the second union five children were born. Mrs. Anna Kendall is residing near Bussey, Iowa; Henry, editor and publisher of a paper at Boulder, Jefferson county, Montana, is married and has two children; J. Le Roy, a dentist of Rolfe, Pocahontas county, Iowa, is also married and has three children; Fern is the wife of Dr. Howard Garberson, of Miles City, Montana, and they have a daughter who is now five years of age; and Eliza is a bookkeeper in the employ of the Taber Lumber Company and resides at home.

Mr. Young is a republican and is zealous in his work to further the interests of that organization. For forty years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is active in all movements that have as their aim the moral betterment of the community. He keeps alive the memories of his service in the army through his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic and derives much enjoyment from his association with his one-time comrades. He has performed well the duties incumbent upon him in all relations of life and has contributed to the welfare of the county in more ways than one. His children have emulated his example and have proved efficient in their various lines of work and public-spirited in their citizenship. His son, W. A. Young, is one of the editors of this history. The family name is highly honored in Marion county and stands for integrity and honor.

JOHN L. MORGAN.

John L. Morgan is a veteran of the Civil war and a well known and highly respected resident of Marion county, making his home in Hamilton. He was born in Burlington, Iowa, June 14, 1844, and is a son of Joseph V. and Anna (Scott) Morgan, both of whom were natives of Indiana, whence they came to Iowa in 1838 when this part of the country was still under territorial rule. They settled near Burlington upon a farm, and the father later entered this land from the government when it was placed upon the market and a land office opened. The most farsighted could not have dreamed of the great changes which were soon to occur, making this one of the populous and prosperous sections of the Union. The father built a log cabin, which he and his family occupied until 1848, when they removed to

Wapello county, Iowa. The following year they came to Marion county and settled upon a farm, where the parents continued to reside until called to the home beyond. In their family were five children, of whom three are now living.

John L. Morgan accompanied his parents on their removal to Wapello county and thence to Marion county and upon the home farm was reared amid the conditions and environment of pioneer life. He shared with the others of the household in all of the hardships and privations incident to the establishment of a home upon the frontier and through the period of his boyhood he worked in the fields and acquired an education by attending the district schools. After the outbreak of the Civil war, however, the monotony of farm life was broken for him, as he enlisted for service in defense of the Union, joining Company C, Seventh Iowa Infantry, with which he served for four years. He participated in the battle of Belmont, Missouri, of Fairfax, Georgia, and also in the battle of Atlanta and the siege of that city. After its capitulation he started with Sherman on the march to the sea. During his long service he was twice wounded and at Belmont, Missouri, was captured and held a prisoner of war for eleven months. He was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, in 1865, after which he returned to his home in Marion county, settling upon a farm here. He has since remained a resident of this county with the exception of a period of eight years spent in Nebraska. His work as a farmer has been attended with a large and gratifying measure of success. He has recognized opportunities and improved them to good advantage, and as the years have gone by his labors have brought to him a well merited reward.

Mr. Morgan has been married twice. In 1866 he wedded Miss Sarah E. Ross, a native of Iowa, who died in the year 1876, leaving two children: Cora, now the wife of G. W. York, a resident of Kirksville, Missouri; and Eva, the wife of J. B. Bolton, of this county. In 1887 Mr. Morgan was again married, his second union being with Miss Flora Schnack, who was born in Hamilton, Iowa, a daughter of P. A. and Susan (Barley) Schnack. Her father was a native of Germany and came to America when a youth of seventeen years. He is now deceased, but his wife, who was born in Indiana, still survives at the age of seventy-nine years. In their family were eight children, of whom six are yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have been born four children, but they lost their eldest, Frank A. The others are Keith, at home; and George D. and Grace C., twins, of whom the latter has passed away. In early womanhood Mrs. Morgan engaged successfully in teaching school in this county.

Mr. Morgan is well known as a prominent and influential member of Hamilton Lodge, No. 78, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs. He likewise holds membership with the Knights of Pythias, and his wife is connected with the Pythian Sisters. His political indorsement is given to the republican party, but he never seeks nor desires political office. He has served, however, for a number of years as school director and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart friend who believes in the employment of competent teachers and the utilization of progressive methods in the conduct of the schools. The spirit of advancement actuates him in all things and has made him therefore one of the leading farmers of the community. He is, moreover, one of the pioneer settlers, having been a resident of this county for sixty-five years, in which period he has seen it emerge from the conditions of frontier life and take on all of the evidences of a modern and progressive civilization. He can remember a time when wild game was quite plentiful and when much of the land in this county was still unclaimed and uncultivated. Comparatively few wagon roads had been laid out and only here and there was a cabin to indicate that the work of civilization had been begun. As the years passed on he bore his part in advancing the county and its best interests, and he has left an indelible impress for good upon the development of this section.

C. E. JAMES, M. D.

Dr. C. E. James has been continuously engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery at Durham for the past twenty-seven years and is widely recognized as an able and successful representative of the profession in Marion county. His birth occurred in Warren county, Iowa, on the 5th of December, 1851, his parents being S. V. R. and Dorcas Anne (Kenyon) James. In 1843 the former took up his abode in Warren county, this state, and both he and his wife now lie buried in Palmyra, that county. To them were born eight children, four sons and four daughters.

Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, C. E. James read for three years under the direction of J. C. Merietta, of Palmyra, and then entered the Keokuk Medical College, which institution conferred upon him the degree of M. D. in 1880. He opened an office at Swan, Marion county, and was there engaged in practice for seven years, on the expiration of which period he came to Dur-



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ham, which has since remained the scene of his professional labors. He has demonstrated his skill and ability in checking the ravages of disease and has been accorded a gratifying and growing practice. With the progress of the profession he keeps in close touch through his membership in the Marion County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 10th of August, 1881, Dr. James was united in marriage to Miss Laura Miller, a daughter of Gabriel and Anna Miller. One daughter, Avis, died in infancy, and the other daughter, Helen, is at home.

Dr. James gives his political allegiance to the democracy but has no desire for the honors and emoluments of office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional interests, which have brought him well deserved prosperity and enviable recognition.

JACOB G. STILWELL.

An excellent farm of about two hundred acres situated in Liberty township, not far from Hamilton, is the property of Jacob G. Stilwell and pays tribute to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He carries on general farming and stock-raising. He was born in Indiana on the 26th of February, 1836, a son of John and Delila (Campbell) Stilwell. The parents were married in Indiana and had a family of twelve children, of whom three are yet living. For some time they resided in Cincinnati, Ohio, and thence came to Iowa in 1848, settling in the spring of that year at Fort Madison. At a later period they came to Marion county and took up their abode upon the farm where their son Jacob now resides. Their remaining days were spent upon that place and when death called them they were laid to rest in the cemetery at Hamilton. The father always carried on farming and stock-raising and was the owner of one hundred and forty acres of land which he brought to a high state of cultivation. His methods were practical and his labors resulted in making the farm one of the valuable properties of the district. He raised the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and was also successfully engaged in raising graded stock. He died in the year 1864 and his wife, who long survived, passed away in 1900. In politics Mr. Stilwell was a democrat but neversought nor desired public office.

Jacob G. Stilwell attended one of the old-time schools, the little "temple of learning" being a log building, and the methods of instruction were almost as primitive as was the schoolhouse. However, in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons and by reading and observation has constantly broadened his knowledge. His training at farm labor was not meager and when twenty-one years of age he began farming on his own account. He has always carried on general agricultural pursuits and has led a very busy life. He has never been afraid of hard work and, saving his money, he purchased land, adding to his original holdings until he now has about two hundred acres. The soil is rich and arable and the fields respond readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He also engages in stock-raising and his business is bringing to him well merited prosperity.

On the 26th of February, 1859, Mr. Stilwell was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Jane Conklin, her parents being Samuel and Lorinda (Grantier) Conklin, pioneer settlers of Monroe county. Our subject and his wife became the parents of sixteen children, as follows: Delia Ann, who is deceased; John; Orinda, who has also passed away; Benjamin; Mary; Joseph; Calvin; George; Delila; Rosie; Pruda and Peter, both of whom are deceased; Arthur; Charley, who has passed away; Cora; and one who died unnamed.

Mr. Stilwell gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has been called to a number of township offices, including that of trustee. He has likewise served as a member of the school board and believes in providing good educational opportunities for the young. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he attends church in Hamilton but is not a member. His success has been builded upon the sure foundation of diligence and determination and he is still active in the management of his farm, although he has now passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey.

HON. J. B. ELLIOTT.

Hon. J. B. Elliott, president of the Knoxville National Bank and an influential factor in political as well as financial circles, was born in Poland, Ohio, in 1852, a son of J. K. and Mary (Brown) Elliott. The father was also a native of Poland but the mother was born in Ireland and with her parents came to the United States in her girl-

hood days. The Elliotts are of English descent and the father was a son of Daniel Elliott, of Connecticut, who traced his ancestry back to John Eliot, who was an apostle to the Indians and translated the Bible into their language. The marriage of J. K. Elliott and Mary Brown was celebrated in Ohio, where they continued their residence until 1868, when they came to Iowa and settled on a farm in Pleasant Grove township, Marion county. The father then devoted his attention with good success to general agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death in 1890. His widow survived him for about six years, passing away in 1896.

J. B. Elliott acquired a public-school education which was continued through various grades and also spent three years in Poland College at Poland, Ohio. He was a youth of sixteen when his parents came to this state. Later he engaged in teaching school here for several winter seasons and not only made a study of the best methods of instructing the young but was also a student of the questions and issues of the day, taking so active and prominent a part in politics that when he was but twenty-three years of age he was elected a member of the Iowa legislature. While continuing in the profession of teaching he devoted the hours which are usually termed leisure to the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1876, after which he engaged in practice at Knoxville for a few years. During the same period he conducted a loan business and it was but a logical step from that line of business into banking. In 1884 he was offered and accepted the position of cashier in the Knoxville National Bank, with which he has since been connected, covering a period of three decades, during which he has contributed largely to the development and substantial growth of the institution, of which he was made president in 1911. Into other fields of business he has also extended his efforts with equal success. He is an active farmer and stock-raiser and his place is widely known because of the fine trotting horses raised thereon. He has also been identified with the development of the coal fields of the county and is recognized as a most forceful and resourceful business man, who forms his plans carefully and then carries them forward to successful completion.

In 1878 Mr. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Nora E. Miller, a daughter of Admiral B. and Eliza Miller, the former an attorney, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have become the parents of two daughters, Helene Eleanor and Genevieve. The former is the wife of R. S. Granger, who is now engaged in the lumber business at Harrison, Arkansas, and who is a son of Judge Granger, of the Iowa supreme court. The younger daughter is the

wife of Waite Phillips, who is engaged in the oil business at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. They have a daughter, Helen Jane, three years of age.

Mr. Elliott is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he has always been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and is recognized as one of the leaders of the party in his section of the state. For many years he has served as a member of the state central committee and for two terms he represented his district in the Iowa legislature, where he gave careful consideration to all the important and significant questions which came up for settlement. He has marked ability in bringing seemingly diverse elements into a unified and harmonious whole, whether in politics or in business, and this element in his character has been one of the strong forces in winning for him his substantial and enviable success.

JAMES M. REYNOLDS.

James M. Reynolds is now living retired in Pleasantville. For many years he was actively identified with farming but in 1891 put aside the work of the fields and took up his abode in the town where he now resides, purchasing five acres of land, on which he erected a comfortable residence. Seven years later he purchased his present fine home, which is one of the most attractive of his section of the county. He still derives a substantial annual income from his two well improved farms, one of which contains four hundred and twenty-one acres and the other two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. Before retiring from business life he made his home in Pleasant Grove township, where he arrived on the 6th of April, 1846. He accompanied his father, who had taken a claim just south of the present site of Pleasantville and thereon built one of the pioneer cabins of the county.

James M. Reynolds is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Benton county, that state, November 8, 1837, his parents being Lewis and Martha J. (Terwilliger) Reynolds, the former a native of Botetourt county, Virginia, and the latter of Ohio. As young people they removed to Indiana, settling there in pioneer times, and in Benton county they were married. There they began their domestic life, continuing their residence in that county until 1843, when they came to Iowa, settling first at Muscatine, where

they lived for a year. They then removed to a place four miles east of Eddyville, in Wapello county, settling at the town of Kirkville. Lewis Reynolds was among the first to file a claim for a farm in this locality and he and his wife spent their remaining days here. He was born May 7, 1815, and died at the age of eighty years, July 29, 1895. Throughout his entire life Lewis Reynolds carried on general agricultural pursuits and at one time was the owner of two hundred and forty acres. His father was a soldier of the War of 1812. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds were members of the Methodist church and Christian principles guided their lives at all times. The latter died about the spring of 1885, when sixty-five years of age.

James M. Reynolds is the eldest in a family of five daughters and three sons, one of whom died at the age of eight years. The surviving members of the family are four daughters and one son, three of the daughters living in Marion county and the fourth in North Dakota. The only son, James M. Reynolds, was a little lad of but six years when the family came to Iowa, so that he has been a witness of the development of the state from pioneer times. His educational opportunities were quite limited and he had practically nothing with which to start in business life, but he was ambitious and energetic and those qualities stood him in stead of fortune.

On the 18th of January, 1859, Mr. Reynolds was married at Pleasantville to Miss Barbara Ann Shepherd, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, January 4, 1843, a daughter of John and Polly (Briggs) Shepherd, the former a veteran of the War of 1812 and the latter a native of North Carolina. The father died in Illinois in 1845 and the mother came to Marion county in 1847, settling at Pleasantville. She afterward became the wife of William F. Jordan and died when about eighty years of age. By her first marriage she had two daughters: Mrs. Reynolds; and Mrs. Mary J. Jones, a widow now residing in Denver, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were the parents of two children: Commodore, who is living in Portland, Oregon; and George W., deceased. From the age of four years Mrs. Reynolds was reared in this county and, like her husband, therefore, is numbered among the pioneer citizens. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have been born five children: Carrie J., who died in early life; Charles, a farmer and auctioneer residing in Minnesota, who is married and has children; Albert D., more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work; Emma, who is the wife of L. O. Sutton and resides in Sandyville, Warren county, Iowa; and Thomas, who operates one of his father's farms.

In politics Mr. Reynolds is a democrat, although largely independent. He does not feel himself bound by party ties and casts his vote as his judgment dictates. He has never sought nor wished for political office but has served in school offices. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and his wife is connected with the Order of the Eastern Star. She is also a member of the Christian church and both are highly esteemed in Marion county. Mr. Reynolds has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and is highly respected as one of the venerable and worthy citizens of Marion county. His carefully managed business affairs, at all times characterized by integrity as well as enterprise, brought to him a creditable measure of success, relieving him in his later years of that toil which should be performed in the vigor and strength of earlier manhood.

JAMES ISAAC CHAMBERS.

James Isaac Chambers is a prosperous and representative agriculturist of Marion county, owning and operating a valuable farm of three hundred and sixty acres in Indiana and Knoxville townships. He came to this county with his parents in the fall of 1856 and has resided continuously within its borders save for a period of three years spent in Nebraska.

The birth of Mr. Chambers occurred in Montgomery county, Indiana, on the 24th of January, 1851, his parents being Robert H. and Ellen T. (Dixon) Chambers, the former of Scotch and the latter of English descent. Both were natives of Maryland and their marriage was celebrated in Ohio. In the fall of 1856 they came to Marion county, Iowa, settling in Indiana township, where Robert H. Chambers purchased a tract of land. Throughout his active business career he successfully devoted his attention to the pursuits of farming and carpentering and at the time of his demise he owned a quarter section of land. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company K, Third Iowa Cavalry, remaining with that command for thirteen months or until discharged because of illness. In politics he was a republican and in the office of constable he made a commendable record. His religious belief was that of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the faith of which he passed away in 1894, while his wife was called to her final rest four years later. Both lie buried in this county.

They celebrated their golden wedding here, and this was the only occasion when all of their children were together. They had five sons and nine daughters and nine of the family are yet living.

James I. Chambers, who was a little lad of five years when brought to this county by his parents, began his education in the state of his nativity and continued his studies in a log schoolhouse of Indiana township, Marion county. When twenty years of age he started out in life on his own account and throughout his entire business career, with the exception of three years spent in Nebraska, he has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits here. Success has attended his efforts and he now owns three hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land in Marion county. He has made many substantial improvements on the property and in connection with the cultivation of cereals devotes considerable attention to the raising of graded stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 25th of December, 1872, Mr. Chambers was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Rankin, a daughter of J. C. and Nancy Rankin. To them have been born four children, as follows: Bertha Ann, who gave her hand in marriage to A. R. Rowland; Stella, the wife of A. C. Tucker; Josephine, who is the wife of Harl Baker; and Cameron H., who wedded Miss Sarah Suska Woody.

WALTER BOARDMAN SAVAGE.

For the past twenty years Walter Boardman Savage has been associated with the waterworks system of Knoxville and is its present efficient superintendent. He was born in Sheffield, Massachusetts, March 3, 1855, a son of Walter Goodrich and Lucy Jane (Boardman) Savage, the former born in Connecticut, March 16, 1825, and the latter in Sheffield, Massachusetts, on the 26th of February, 1822. The mother, one of a family of four sons and two daughters, all of whom are deceased, passed away August 6, 1905, when she had attained the advanced age of eighty-three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Savage were Presbyterians, and both were very active in church work. He was a republican in his political belief. Of the children born to their union six grew to maturity and five are still living. Edwin B., who died on the 8th of March, 1880, when twenty-seven years of age, was for a number of years connected with the machine shop which was started in Knoxville by his

father. Walter Boardman, the subject of this review, is the next in order of birth. Jennie B., a twin of the last named, is the widow of C. C. Collins and resides in St. Louis. She has three daughters and one son, Ada, Nellie, Earl and Stella. Emma is the wife of George B. McClelland, formerly a well known carpenter of Knoxville. They now reside at Oakland, California, and have four children, Lizzie, Edwin, Carrie and Herbert. William Hamlin is a member of the firm of Dickerson & Savage, of Knoxville. Charles Lohren, who is engaged in the teaming business in Sedalia, Missouri, married Miss Edith Tubbs, of Nebraska, and they have become the parents of the following children: Loraine, deceased; Nellie; Maud; Claud; Inez; Carl; Dottie; and John, deceased.

For many years Walter G. Savage was a machinist and copper-smith in his native state. In 1864 he purchased a machine shop at Knoxville and operated the same until January 5, 1871, when he answered the final summons. The shop was then conducted in his sons' name, being known as Savage Brothers, but as they were too young to manage it personally the mother rented it to others. About 1876 the shop burned and shortly after E. B. Savage and N. H. Bittenbender built a new shop upon the same site, just north of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad tracks on Second street. The firm name of Bittenbender & Savage was maintained from 1876 until 1882. On the 8th of March, 1880, E. B. Savage died and his brother, the subject of this review, continued the firm in connection with Mr. Bittenbender until 1882, when the latter became sole owner.

Walter B. Savage was reared at Knoxville and was a student in the public schools here, thus acquiring his education. He learned the machinist's trade in his father's shop and followed the same until 1882. In 1884 he went to Nebraska and entered government land in Sheridan county, remaining there for nine years, or until 1893, when he returned to Marion county and became an employe of the city waterworks. He has remained in that line of business since and has risen steadily from one position to another of greater responsibility until he is now superintendent. His early training in his father's machine shop has proved invaluable to him and the plant is kept in splendid working condition. He is also a business man of no mean ability and manages well that phase of the waterworks system, proving a thoroughly competent superintendent.

In 1878 Mr. Savage married Miss Almira May Berkey, who was born in southeastern Iowa and is a daughter of Frank and Mary E. (Johnson) Berkey, the former for many years a blacksmith in

the employ of the firm of Parsons & Lytle. He passed away in 1887, when about fifty-five years of age. Mrs. Savage is a sister of Mrs. John J. Rolfe, who lives on West Robinson street, this city. Mr. Rolfe is a carpenter by trade. Mrs. Berkey now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Savage and is seventy-four years of age. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Savage. Minnie, born in Knoxville, is the wife of Joseph Mrachek, a dairyman of Chehalis, Washington, and they have three living children, Elmina, Margaret and Katherine. Frank, who was born at Iowa City, is also a resident of Chehalis, where he is foreman in a door factory. He married Miss Laura Westover, a daughter of Judge Westover, of Chehalis, and they have two children, a son, Beldon, and a daughter, Beulah Bell. Earl, who was born in Nebraska, resides in Knoxville and is engineer for the city waterworks. He married Miss Beulah Conrad, of Hastings, Nebraska, whose parents are still living in that city.

Mr. Savage is a stalwart republican and is unswerving in his allegiance to that party. He and his wife are both members of the Presbyterian church, aiding in many ways in the work of moral development. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic lodge at Knoxville. The efficient way in which he manages the waterworks system has gained him the respect of the community and his personal integrity and honor have won him many warm friends.

JAMES P. MARSH.

James P. Marsh came to Marion county when but ten years of age and has remained within its borders continuously since or for about a half century. He devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and is still the owner of one hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land but now lives retired at Tracy. His birth occurred in Decatur county, Indiana, on the 1st of May, 1855, his parents being Prince B. and Zerilda (Ryan) Marsh, who were likewise natives of the Hoosier state. The former passed away in 1854 and in 1858 his widow gave her hand in marriage to James B. Means, of Indiana. They came to Marion county, Iowa, in 1865, locating on a farm in Clay township on which they spent the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Prince B. Marsh were born three children, two of

whom survive, namely: Lewis T., who is now a resident of Kansas; and James P., of this review.

The latter acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. He cultivated rented land for a period of six years and then bought fifty-five acres, subsequently extending the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces one hundred and twenty-five acres. The property is highly improved in every particular and in its operation he has won a gratifying competence that now enables him to live retired.

In 1877 Mr. Marsh was united in marriage to Miss Delilah J. Scott, who was born in Marion county, Iowa, in 1855, her parents being William and Elizabeth (Smith) Scott, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. They came to this county in 1844 and located on a farm which remained their place of abode until death. Their three children are all yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have been born five children, as follows: William P., who is now a resident of Nebraska; Roy E., living in Clay township, this county; Anna E., who is the wife of Rev. C. E. Pettit, of Chicago, Illinois; Homer S., of Clay township; and Archie M., who is now attending college at Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Mr. Marsh gives his political allegiance to the republican party and served on the school board for several years, while during eight years he held the office of justice of the peace, making a highly commendable record in that connection. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 568 at Tracy, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and he is likewise a member of Camp No. 1695 of the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. They are widely and favorably known throughout the community, enjoying the warm regard and esteem of a host of friends.

WILLARD H. LYON.

Willard H. Lyon, of Knoxville, is numbered among those attorneys who scrupulously uphold the honor and dignity of their profession and he has won the respect of his colleagues and of the general public alike. He was born in Dallas county, Iowa, on the

16th of February, 1877, a son of Charles H. and Sarah J. (Tiffany) Lyon, both natives of Van Buren county, this state. The paternal grandfather was John Lyon, who was born in Rochester, New York, but in 1840 removed to Van Buren county, this state. He was a wagon maker by trade; opened at Cantril, Iowa, the first wagon shop in this state and made the first iron mold board for plows made in Iowa. Charles H. Lyon, father of the subject of this review, was a farmer and also conducted a creamery at Dexter, Iowa. He passed away on the 24th of June, 1900, and is survived by his widow, who resides in Des Moines. He was a republican in his political belief and was a member of the Christian church, as is his widow. He was a veteran of the Civil war, serving as a member of Company A, First Iowa Cavalry, for four years.

Willard H. Lyon was one of a family of five sons and two daughters and was reared under the parental roof. His early education was acquired in the public schools and he subsequently attended the Dexter Normal College. Still later he was a student in the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls and in 1896 went to Pella as principal of the high school and was made superintendent of schools there some time later, in which capacity he served for four years, proving a competent administrator of school affairs. He then began the study of law, entering the law department of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1902. He returned to Pella and for two and a half years was associated with T. H. Bousquet in the practice of his profession. In 1904 he was elected county attorney, taking office on the 1st of January the year following and continuing therein until the 1st of January, 1909. He then came to Knoxville and in the intervening five years has built up a large and lucrative practice here, being recognized as one of the leading attorneys of the city. His excellent general education has proved almost as much a factor in his success as his thorough legal training and these coupled with his logical mind and power of effective speaking have enabled him to succeed in a profession where advancement must be won by real ability.

Mr. Lyon was married on the 29th of June, 1905, to Miss Edith Hamilton, of Joliet, Illinois. He and his wife both attend the Congregational church and can be depended upon to aid any worthy cause. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor; Oriental Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M.; Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M.; Melita Commandery, K. T.; Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R.; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines. He is a republican in political affairs

and supports the candidates and measures of that party at the polls. His achievements are all the more notable when it is remembered that he has had to depend upon his own resources since starting out in life for himself, even working his own way through college. His determination and energy have conquered the obstacles that hindered his progress and he is now one of the most respected and most successful attorneys of Knoxville.

WILLIAM P. FLANAGAN.

In the years of an active life William P. Flanagan followed farming and stock-raising in Washington township, his home being on section 26. He became a resident of the county in pioneer times and was a young man of but twenty-one or twenty-two years of age at the time of his arrival. His birth occurred in Virginia on the 15th of April, 1831, his parents being Reuben and Sarah (Bybee) Flanagan, who were natives of Virginia and of Irish descent. In the Old Dominion they were reared and married and to them were born six children, of whom but one is now living. On leaving the Old Dominion the parents went to Ohio and afterward to Indiana, where their remaining days were passed and there, when death called them, their remains were interred.

William P. Flanagan was but a young lad when the family went to Ohio and in the schools of that state he pursued his education. He first came to Iowa in 1853, making his way to Marion county, and from that time forward he was identified with its farming interests. On the 11th of September, 1859, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Mathew, a daughter of John and Lucy (Mormon) Mathew. The Mathew family lived for a time in Indiana and in 1849 came to Marion county, Iowa, establishing their home here in pioneer times and bearing an active and helpful part in the work of early development and improvement. John Mathew passed away on the 8th of October, 1887, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 25th of December, 1870. They were well thought of and had many friends. The record of their children is as follows: Julia Ann, who is deceased; Mary C. and Lewis, twins, the latter being deceased; Rebecca Jane, who has also passed away; Margaret and Rachel, twins, the latter deceased; and Martha and Emma, who have passed away.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan was blessed with nine children: Frances A., who is the wife of J. N. Cochran, of Plainville, Kansas; Dulcena, deceased; John S.; one who died unnamed; Archie W., who has passed away; Lua, who is at home with her mother; Edmond; Mary, who is deceased; and Keely.

It was in the year 1877 that Mr. Flanagan and his family took up their abode upon the farm where his widow now resides—a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, to which he afterward added forty acres. Early experience taught him practical methods of developing and improving the fields and as time passed on he kept in touch with the trend of modern progress along that line. When machinery was invented and placed upon the market, he secured it to facilitate the work of the fields and when science brought forth knowledge concerning the soil conditions and the needs of plant life, he utilized this knowledge in the work of the fields. He was ever busy and met the demands that were made upon him faithfully and capably.

In May, 1900, Mr. Flanagan was called from this life, his remains being interred in the Olive Chapel cemetery. In early manhood he gave his allegiance to the republican party but later, on account of a change in his political opinions, he supported the democratic party. He never held office but was always ready to further any plan or project for the public good. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church and to its teachings he was faithful. He was ever conscientious in what he did and no one ever questioned his integrity or the honesty of his motives.

GEORGE H. ROSE.

George H. Rose, living on section 6, Liberty township, was born on the farm which is still his home, his natal day being April 25, 1872. His parents were Richard and Matilda (Glenn) Rose. In his youthful days he worked in the fields when not busy with his text-books, his education being acquired in the public schools. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and he has engaged in general farming and stock-raising throughout his entire life. He keeps Durham cattle for his own use and he has other good grades of stock upon his place. The farm comprises two hundred acres of rich and arable land practically all cleared and under cultivation. He has made many

improvements upon the farm, erecting all of the present buildings save the residence. The barns and outbuildings are substantial and give ample shelter to grain and stock and modern farm machinery and implements are used in the development of the fields. It was in 1904 that Mr. Rose purchased two hundred acres of the old homestead from the other heirs and since that time he has occupied and cultivated the farm.

On the 22d of April, 1896, Mr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Hammond, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Beard) Hammond. A sketch of the father, a retired agriculturist residing in Clay township, appears on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Rose have four children, as follows: Glenn, who was born February 18, 1899; Irma, whose birth occurred on the 29th of July, 1900; Velma, whose natal day was February 27, 1907; and Merle, born August 12, 1909. The family is well known throughout Liberty township and this part of the county and Mr. and Mrs. Rose have a large circle of warm friends, while the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them.

In politics Mr. Rose is a democrat and gives to his party stalwart allegiance but does not seek nor desire office. On the contrary, he concentrates his efforts and energy upon the further development and improvement of his farm with the result that he has made it one of the valuable properties of this section of the state.

WILLIAM HOWARD MOON.

William Howard Moon is well known in Marion county as a representative of newspaper interests inasmuch as he is editor and proprietor of the Bussey Record. He was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, April 5, 1894, a son of John and Isabel Moon. The removal of the family to Marion county gave William Howard Moon the opportunity of pursuing his education in the schools of Bussey, from which he was graduated on the 21st of June, 1908. Since that time he has been identified with newspaper publication and his advancement in this connection has placed him among the representative young newspaper men of this section of the state. He studies modern methods of journalism, which he readily adapts to the needs of his paper, and in disseminating both local and general news he gives to his patrons a publication which is highly satisfactory.

Mr. Moon is identified with several fraternal organizations, holding membership with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of which he is the financier; the Woodmen of the World and the Improved Order of Red Men. In the last named he is a past sachem of Elk Tribe, No. 101. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he studies closely the questions of the day, keeping in touch with the policy of the party as outlined by its leaders. He stands for advancement at all times and since reaching man's estate has been an active factor in Bussey in promoting those interests and measures which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

A. T. KLEIN.

A. T. Klein, who for twelve years has capably filled the position of vice president of the Security Bank of Pella, was born in that city on the 7th of September, 1861, a son of T. H. and Gertrude (De Leuw) Klein, both natives of Holland, who emigrated to this country in 1847. His paternal grandfather was Gerrit Klein, who purchased a farm in Marion county. T. H. Klein was also an agriculturist by occupation and resided in this locality until his death, which occurred in 1887. His wife, who came to this county with her stepfather, lived to a ripe old age, dying in December, 1912. To their union were born twelve children, eight of whom survive.

A. T. Klein was given a public-school education and was early trained in the work of the farm. He devoted his time to agriculture until he was past forty years of age, but in 1902 he removed to Pella. At that time he owned seven hundred acres of land but he has sold three hundred acres, holding four hundred. He buys and sells farms, finding this a profitable business, but since 1902 part of his time has been taken up by his duties as vice president of the Security Bank, of which N. Van Vliet is president.

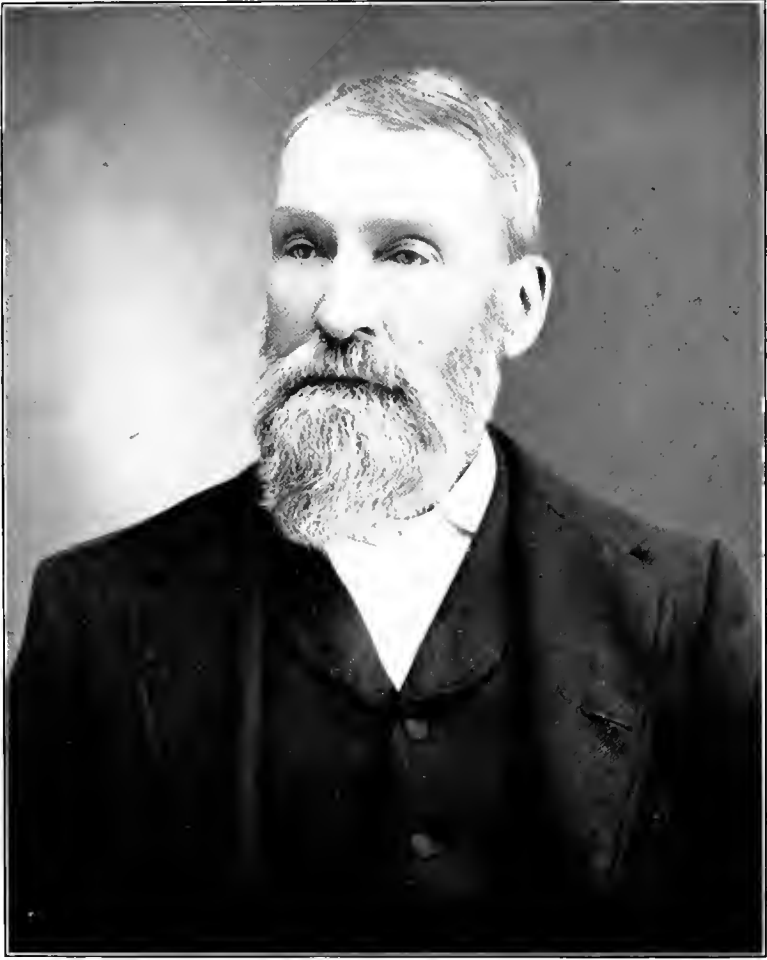
In 1887 Mr. Klein married Miss Jennie G. Akkerman, a native of this county and a daughter of Jan and Mary (De Penning) Akkerman. To Mr. and Mrs. Klein were born five children, four of whom are living, namely: Tunis H., who was graduated from the Iowa State University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and from the law department of Drake University at Des Moines and who is assistant cashier of the Security Bank; Mary Luella and Gertrude, both at home; and Roland J. John A., the third child, was drowned in Skunk river August 23, 1905, at the business men's picnic, aged

twelve years. The family belong to the Second Reformed church. Mr. Klein is a democrat in politics and is interested in everything pertaining to the general welfare.

J. PRESTON DURHAM.

Among the native sons of Marion county who have been content to spend their lives within its borders, feeling that the opportunities here offered are equal to those to be found elsewhere, is J. Preston Durham, who owns and operates a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 31, Clay township, known as Iola Stock Farm. He was born upon that farm on the 10th of March, 1866, a son of David T. and Lucretia Emeline (Evans) Durham. The father was a son of David Durham, who removed to Van Buren county, Iowa, in the early '40s, when Iowa was still a territory, and established Durham's ferry, which he conducted for years. He also owned a farm and was one of the substantial residents of his locality. He passed to his reward about 1866.

His son, David T. Durham, was born at Belfast, Maine, where the first of the family in this country had settled upon their removal here from Belfast, Ireland. In his boyhood David T. Durham accompanied his father to Van Buren county, Iowa, and there grew to manhood. Upon reaching years of maturity he engaged in farming and stockraising and gained a competence thereby. He was a republican and served as county treasurer and also held a number of other local offices, including that of supervisor. He was given higher honor in his election as state representative and later as state senator. He came to this county May 1, 1843, and continued to reside here until his death, on the 17th of November, 1902, when eighty years of age. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lucretia Emeline Evans, was born in Washington county, Indiana, and the city of Evansville was named in honor of her father, John C. Evans, who was an early merchant of that place. In early life, however, he removed to Wapello county, Iowa, and secured a farm on the Monroe county line. He was one of the pioneers of that section of the state and was held in high honor by all who knew him. Mr. and Mrs. Durham were joined in wedlock in Wapello county, Iowa, May 16, 1847, and their married life was a long and happy one.



DAVID T. DURHAM

Mrs. Durham died on the 13th of September, 1892, aged sixty-seven years, eight months and eighteen days, in the faith of the Methodist church. To their union were born ten children, of whom the subject of this review is the ninth in order of birth. The others surviving are: Tolford S., a resident of Bristol, Colorado; Mrs. Mary E. Rouze, of Tracy, Iowa; Mrs. Florence Houser, living near Knoxville, this state; Herbert M., of Fairport, Kansas; Mrs. May E. Derby, of Holdrege, Nebraska; and Mrs. Mattie J. Derby, of Yates Center, Kansas. George A. died in 1881, when a young man of thirty-three years. Mrs. Alice Brown died in 1893, in young womanhood. Laura A. died in 1901, when about fifty years of age.

J. Preston Durham grew to manhood in this county and after attending the common schools was a student at the Central University of Iowa, at Pella. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, which occurred in 1901, since which time he has farmed independently. His place is one of the best improved quarter sections in Clay township and the excellent condition in which everything is kept adds greatly to the value of the property. Mr. Durham raises both grain and stock and his labor yields him a good financial return annually.

On the 27th of February, 1901, Mr. Durham was married to Miss Julia A. Welch, who was born October 14, 1866, in the northern part of Marion county, her parents being John B. and Harriett (Caufman) Welch, who came from Illinois and Virginia respectively, but were married in Marion county, Iowa, August 30, 1855. The Welch family came originally from Scotland and the Caufmans from Germany. For many years John B. Welch has been engaged in the lumber business and now resides in Oregon at the age of over eighty-three years. His wife, who was a consistent member of the Baptist church, died in January, 1909, when over seventy-nine years of age. They had five children, namely: Harriett E., now the widow of Peter Adams and a resident of Oregon; John R., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; George L., of Pella, Iowa; Charles W., a railroad man of Des Moines; and Julia A. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Durham taught school for fifteen years, including eleven years in the city schools of Pella, and was very successful in that profession. To Mr. and Mrs. Durham has been born a son, David E., who is nine years old.

Mr. Durham is a republican and has served in a number of local offices, including those of assessor and trustee. He held the former office for two terms and has invariably given the same attention and care to the discharge of his official duties that he gives to the man-

agement of his private affairs. The guiding principles of his life are to be found in the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member, as is also his wife. The esteem of all who know him is his reward for the integrity, fair dealing and kindness that have always characterized him in his relations with his fellow-men.

ISAAC N. BEBOUT.

Isaac N. Bebout, of Knoxville, has lived here since 1855 with the exception of eight years. He is the proprietor of the City Feed Mill and the products of his mill have the reputation of being of excellent quality. He was born in Crittenden county, Kentucky, September 13, 1849, a son of B. F. and Mary A. (Schumaker) Bebout. The father brought his family to Marion county in 1855 and continued to reside here until his death, which occurred in 1881, when he was sixty-two years of age. He was a farmer by occupation and well liked and respected. His wife preceded him in death, passing away in Gosport, this county, in 1855. Mr. Bebout of this review has one brother, George, who is farming upon a large scale near Albia, Iowa. He also has a half-sister and three half-brothers living, namely: J. W., living near Gosport; Peter T., a farmer of Lucas county; Le Roy, living in Wyoming; and Mrs. Millie Anderson, a resident of Portland, Oregon.

Isaac N. Bebout was but a child of six years when brought to this county and here grew to manhood. He received a good common-school education and also as a boy learned the principles of agriculture, thus fitting himself to earn a livelihood. In 1882 he removed to Mills county, Iowa, and farmed for eight years, after which he returned to this county, where he has since resided continuously. For a number of years he conducted a feed barn in Knoxville and in January, 1914, bought the City Feed Mill, which is equipped with the most modern machinery and which is furnished with power by an electric motor of fifteen horse power. Graham flour, corn meal and feed of all kinds are ground and the products of the mill have not only a large local sale but are also in demand in the adjoining counties. Mr. Bebout devotes all of his time to his business and also employs one or two assistants regularly.

In 1870 Mr. Bebout married Miss Mary Hunt, a native of Marion county, who died in 1893, leaving three children, namely:

Charles, a farmer of Knoxville township; Fred, of Washington township; and Mrs. Celeste Swenberg, who died in the fall of 1896. In 1895 Mr. Bebout married Miss Louisa Brown, who was born in Marshall, Indiana, but was reared in this county from the age of ten years, arriving with her parents in 1865.

She is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Cart) Brown, both of whom are deceased, the former dying in 1909, when more than ninety-two years of age, and the latter passing away in 1873, when forty-six years old. Mr. Brown was a blacksmith by trade and the father of six children, five of whom are living: Mrs. Bebout; one in Illinois; one in Oregon; and two in Wyoming. Mr. Bebout is a democrat and fraternally belongs to the Masonic lodge at Dallas. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and no good cause appeals to them in vain.

JOHN METZ.

John Metz, a well known and well liked merchant of Marysville, was born in St. Clair, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of January, 1845, a son of Jacob and Ann (Guinn) Metz. The family is of French lineage and two brothers of the name came from Metz, France, to the United States, at an early period in the colonization of the new world. They were the progenitors of those of the name in America. The brothers, however, became separated on the Jersey coast, so that one line of ancestry has been lost.

Jacob Metz was born in Pennsylvania, as was Ann Guinn, and they were married in that state, where they continued their residence until 1856, when they started for the west with Marion county, Iowa, as their destination. They settled in Marysville and the father, who was a carpenter, worked at his trade there until his death, which occurred in 1886, while his wife passed away in 1881. Both were laid to rest in the cemetery here. Mr. Metz planted the first dandelions seen in Marion county. He was a republican in his political views, capably and efficiently filling the office of justice of the peace, and was generally interested in public affairs, his aid being always on the side of progress and improvement. He had four sons in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion: Theodore, who was a member of Company B, Third Iowa Infantry, and died in the service; Charles, who was a member of Company G, Fifteenth Iowa Infantry, and also died in the service; Henry, also a member of Com-

pany G, Fifteenth Iowa Infantry; and John, a member of Company G, Thirty-third Iowa Infantry. Mrs. Metz and a Mrs. Klein were the first to observe Decoration day in this county, decorating the graves of the soldiers in 1862, long before the present Memorial day had been established.

John Metz was one of a family of nine children, six of whom are yet living, and was quite young when brought by his parents to Iowa. His education was acquired in the public schools of Marysville and in August, 1862, when a youth of but seventeen years, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, Thirty-third Iowa Infantry, as previously stated. He was wounded at Spanish Fort on the 28th of March, 1865, after which he was sent home and was honorably discharged on the 24th of June of the same year. His was a creditable military record and he participated in a number of hotly contested engagements which featured prominently as factors in winning the ultimate victory that came to the Union troops.

In early life Mr. Metz learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his father but after several years' identification with that occupation turned his attention to commercial pursuits in 1877 by embarking in merchandising, in which he has since been engaged. He is now proprietor of one of the leading general mercantile establishments, not only in Marysville but in this section of the state, and he is enjoying a liberal patronage. He bears, too, an unassailable reputation for integrity and straightforward conduct in all trade relations.

In 1871 Mr. Metz was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Liike, a daughter of John A. and Johanna Liike, who came to America from Germany at an early day and were pioneer settlers of Marion county. Mr. and Mrs. Metz have become the parents of six children: Charles and Lafayette, who are in business with their father; Roy, is engaged in farming in Idaho; Jacob, who is a farmer and painter and resides in Marysville; John, also residing in Marysville; and Archie, of Melcher.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Metz gives his political allegiance to the republican party, of which he became a staunch advocate on attaining his majority. Again and again he has been called to public office, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He served for twelve years as postmaster of Marysville, has been trustee and assessor, and in 1895 and 1896 filled the office of county recorder, during which period he resided in Knoxville, while his sons conducted the store in

his absence. He has also been a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. A resident of the county from early boyhood, he is numbered among its pioneer settlers and has been an interested witness of the growth and development of this section from an early day, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. There have been no spectacular chapters in his life record and enterprise in business combined with public-spirited citizenship and fidelity to duty in every relation have won for him the prominent place which he occupies in public opinion.

C. A. PORTER.

C. A. Porter, a mine operator, who for the past four years has resided at Knoxville, was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, in 1871, a son of Jerome H. and Mary M. (Stolzer) Porter. The father was born in Ohio but in 1852, when a boy of ten years, accompanied his parents to Mahaska county, the family settling in White Oak township, ten miles east of Oskaloosa. There the grandfather, John Porter, followed farming for some time but his death occurred in Missouri. Jerome H. Porter enlisted in the Federal army before he was fifteen years of age and served for three years in the Civil war. He followed the carpenter's trade, being mainly employed upon railroad work. He spent one year in Mexico, but as his health became impaired he returned to Iowa, where he died when fifty-two years of age. His widow survives and lives in Oskaloosa at the age of sixty-four. C. A. Porter has two brothers living, R. H., who is a plumber of Knoxville and is mentioned on another page of this work; and Walter, a resident of Oskaloosa.

C. A. Porter grew to manhood in Mahaska county and acquired his education in the common schools. Since reaching adult age he has engaged in various occupations, having been a farmer and also a merchant, while at present he is a coal and lumber dealer. He not only deals in those commodities but operates a coal mine which yields a paying grade of coal in considerable quantity. At one time or another he has also dealt in real estate to a considerable extent, buying, selling and trading residence and business property. He has a native shrewdness and is an excellent judge of values and his many transactions have been upon the whole profitable. He has gained a competence and owns his comfortable residence in Knoxville.

Mr. Porter was married in Mahaska county in 1896 to Miss Nettie E. De Long, a native of that county and the only daughter of Edward F. De Long. The De Long family settled in Mahaska county in 1842 and in 1847 Edward F. De Long went to the gold fields of California, but in 1850 he returned to Iowa, where he passed away when seventy-three years of age. He was a veterinarian by profession but the greater part of his time was devoted to other interests, for he owned a farm and dealt largely in race horses. He was also active in politics. To Mr. and Mrs. Porter have been born three children: Mary M., who will graduate from the Knoxville high school in 1915; and Charles A., a lad of fifteen years, and Ruth N., a child of eight years, both in school.

The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and are active in the various organizations connected with that denomination. Mr. Porter is a republican and was the candidate for sheriff of Marion county at the last election and came very nearly being successful. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of the subordinate lodge, the encampment and the Rebekahs, and is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias. His wife also belongs to the Rebekahs as well. His many friends hold him in high regard, knowing him to be a man of many admirable traits of character.

H. W. WARD.

H. W. Ward, a worthy native son and representative merchant of Marion county, is the proprietor of a general store and meat market at Harvey and is meeting with well merited success in the conduct of his business. His birth occurred on the 22d of November, 1876, his parents being Jeremiah and Mary (Cox) Ward, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They came to Iowa in the '60s and the mother is still living here, but the father has passed away. Their two children survive.

H. W. Ward received a high-school education in his youth but started out to earn his own livelihood at the early age of twelve years, working at farm labor until he had attained his majority. He then secured employment in the Morrell packing house at Ottumwa and subsequently returned to this county, becoming railroad agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Harvey. On July 4, 1903, he embarked in business on his own account as a

merchant of Harvey, where he has since conducted a general store and meat market, being accorded a gratifying patronage in both branches of his business. He owns a substantial residence and two lots in Harvey and is widely recognized as a prosperous and esteemed citizen of the community.

In 1902 Mr. Ward was united in marriage to Miss Edith M. Harrington, a native of Marion county and a daughter of Thomas N. and Mary (Loynachan) Harrington, the former having passed away. They had ten children, eight of whom are yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. Ward have been born two children, Marvin Reed and Merlyn Watson. Mr. Ward gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served as a member of the city council and also in the capacity of school director. He and his wife attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church and are well known and highly esteemed for their many excellent traits of character. They have spent their entire lives in this part of the state and have a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOSEPH BRIDGEN.

On the pages of pioneer history of Marion county the name of Joseph Bridgen is inscribed, for he cast in his lot with the early settlers of 1854. He was a resident of Ohio and came to the west from Muskingum county, that state. There he had been married, but he and his wife were both natives of Ireland and as young people had come to the new world, seeking the broader and better opportunities offered on this side the Atlantic.

Mrs. Bridgen bore the maiden name of Sarah McCollum and was a sister of the late James McCollum, a pioneer settler of Marion county, who arrived here in 1854. To Mr. and Mrs. Bridgen were born three children, of whom Mrs. Margaret J. Schmidt is the only one now living. One daughter died at the age of twelve years and the son, James Bridgen, died in early manhood.

Joseph Bridgen was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for, arriving in Marion county in March, 1854, he had scarcely begun the task of developing and improving his farm when death called him in October of the same year. Having lost her first husband, Mrs. Bridgen was married again in 1858, becoming the wife of Jackson Armstrong, who died in 1868. He, too, was one of the pioneer settlers of the county and aided in promoting its early devel-

opment. To Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were born five children, of whom two are yet living: Mrs. J. H. Pifer, whose home is at Larimore, North Dakota; and Mrs. J. W. Everett, living at Booneville, Iowa.

Mrs. Armstrong passed away on the 19th of May, 1909, having reached the advanced age of eighty-two years. She was a most earnest and consistent member of the Presbyterian church and exemplified in her life her Christian faith and belief. She did many good deeds, was a helpful friend and neighbor and a most devoted mother and, in the words of the Psalmist, her children rise up and call her blessed.

CAPTAIN ALEXANDER M. CLARK.

Captain Alexander M. Clark is a retired farmer living in Durham and is also an honored veteran of the Civil war. He has today passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey and receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one of his years whose life has been well spent.

His birth occurred in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 22d of February, 1832, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Morrison) Clark, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born in the year 1799 and the mother's birth occurred in 1801. They went to Ohio in early life and were there married, remaining residents of that state for many years or until 1851, when they came to Marion county, Iowa. The father entered land from the government, the possibility of this indicating how sparsely settled was the county at that time. He resided first in a log cabin with a clapboard roof and mud and stick chimney but later built a hewed log house, and the little home had its comforts and its advantages, even though it did not compare with the attractive farm residences now to be seen in the county. This log structure is still standing in Knoxville township. With characteristic energy Mr. Clark began to cultivate his farm, breaking the sod on many an acre and transforming the land into richly cultivated fields. His remaining days were devoted to the further development of his place and thereon he passed away in 1882, having for fifteen years survived his wife, who died in 1867. In their family were nine children, of whom four are still living.

Alexander M. Clark spent the greater part of his boyhood and youth in Ohio and attended its public schools. He also had college

training and taught school before entering the army. He was a young man of nineteen years when he came to Iowa and upon the home farm he remained until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he responded to the country's call for troops, joining Company E of the Eighth Iowa Infantry, August 13, 1861, as a private, with which he served throughout the period of hostilities until discharged in May, 1866. On one occasion he was captured and was confined in various prisons for a period of six months and eleven days, a part of which was spent at Libby, sharing in all the hardships of military prison life. It was at Shiloh that he was captured and this was but one of the many important engagements in which he took part. He was never wounded, although often in the thickest of the fight, and on the 20th of April, 1866, in Alabama, he was mustered out, and was discharged at Davenport, Iowa, in May, 1866. He came out of the army with two commissions as captain, having worked his way upward from the ranks through valor and loyalty. In command of his company he inspired his men with much of his own bravery and yet he never needlessly sacrificed those who were under his control.

After receiving an honorable discharge Captain Clark returned to Marion county and embarked in merchandising in Knoxville in partnership with John Reed. They continued in business together until 1871, when Captain Clark again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm in Clay township, on which he took up his abode. For about thirty-eight years thereafter his time and attention were largely given to the work of the fields, improving his farm according to modern methods. He lived upon that place until 1909, when he came to Durham, where he and his wife now reside.

It was while a soldier in the army that Captain Clark was married April 6, 1864, while at home on veteran furlough, to Miss Sarah J. McMillan, a daughter of Thomas McMillan, and to them have been born six children: Samuel W.; Thomas M., now living in Texas; Charles M., whose home is in Tacoma, Washington; Mary M., at home; Maria, deceased; and one who died in infancy.

In his political views Captain Clark has always been a stalwart republican and has filled several of the township offices, while for three terms he was county auditor, his reelection being proof of his fidelity and capability in office. He was for many years a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintained pleasant relations with the boys in blue with whom he served on the battle-fields of the south. Both he and his wife are members of the Pres-

byterian church, in the work of which they have long taken an active and helpful part, the Captain serving as one of the elders of the church. He owns and occupies a pleasant residence in Durham and is also the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of rich and valuable land on sections 7 and 18, Clay township, together with one hundred and twenty acres in Union county, Iowa. His property is the visible evidence of a life of well directed energy and thrift. He has worked hard and his persistency, determination and honorable dealing have been the chief factors in bringing to him the success that has placed him among the substantial citizens of Marion county and now enables him to live retired.

JOHN E. MITCHELL.

John E. Mitchell is a retired farmer living in Liberty township. He was born at Newport, Kentucky, February 24, 1838, his parents being Henry H. and Sarah (Harrison) Mitchell, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Pennsylvania. They had a family of five children, of whom two are yet living. In the year 1839 they left the Blue Grass state and came to Iowa. Nine years later, or in 1848, the father took up his abode at Hamilton, in Marion county. In the meantime his first wife had died and he married again. He was both a farmer and tanner, following the latter trade in this county for a short time but giving the greater part of his attention to general agricultural pursuits. At the time of the discovery of gold in California he started for the Pacific coast, making the long journey in 1851 with ox teams across the plains, over the hot stretches of sand and through the mountain passes to the mines of the far west. In this county he became the owner of property and upon his land the town of Hamilton was laid out in the fall of 1850. He was always much interested in the welfare and progress of this part of the state and gave helpful support to many measures and movements for the public good. His political indorsement was given the republican party and he served as road supervisor. His death occurred April 20, 1892, while his wife survived him for eight years and was then laid by his side in the cemetery at Hamilton.

John E. Mitchell is one of the two surviving members of a family of five children. He had but limited educational opportunities, for he was reared upon the frontier, being only a little more than a year old when his parents came to Iowa, which was then under territorial

rule. He shared with the family in all of the hardships and privations incident to life upon the frontier and he had but little chance to secure an education. In 1856, when a youth of eighteen years, he went to California and after his return took up the occupation of farming, which he followed for twenty years. In the winter seasons he also engaged in the manufacture of brooms and thus he lived a busy and active life which in time brought him a substantial competence that now enables him to rest from further labor. He was also at one time a guard at the penitentiary in Fort Madison for several years and for twelve years acted as mail carrier.

On the 20th of September, 1860, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Carr, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (McGruder) Carr, who in the fall of 1850 came to Marion county, settling in the same neighborhood as the Mitchell family. Her father passed away in 1852, having been permitted to enjoy his new home for only a brief period. His widow long survived him, her death occurring in 1909. To Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were born eight children, Clara, Lottie, Eddie, Flora, Walter, and three who died in infancy.

Mr. Mitchell is entitled to wear the little bronze button of the Grand Army of the Republic, for on the 20th of July, 1861, he responded to the call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company E, Eighth Iowa Infantry, with which he served for three years and twenty-five days. He was wounded in the battle of Corinth and participated in the engagement at Shiloh and in other important battles. He has always been interested in matters of progressive citizenship and yet keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, notwithstanding the fact that he has passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey. He has many good qualities and his friends entertain for him a kindly regard.

M. D. FRY.

For twenty years M. D. Fry was a successful and energetic farmer of Marion county, but for fourteen years he has lived retired in Knoxville, residing at No. 1620 Pleasant street. He owns two hundred and forty-three acres of land in Knoxville and Polk townships and is one of the well-to-do citizens of the county. He is a son of John and Hannah (Davis) Fry, the former of whom was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, in 1819 and died in 1904.

In 1854 he removed to this county, first locating in Red Rock township, but he subsequently purchased forty acres in Union township and continued to buy land until at the time of his death he owned eight hundred acres located in Union, Knoxville and Polk townships. For twenty-six years he was actively engaged in farming and during part of that time also owned a dry-goods store in Knoxville. He was married in Indiana in 1842 to Miss Hannah Davis, who was born in Ohio in 1821 and died in 1906. When a girl she accompanied her parents to Indiana and there grew to womanhood. There were eight children in the family of John and Hannah Fry, the record being as follows: Melinda, the wife of J. McClain of Knoxville; Mary E., the wife of J. O. Burch of Knoxville township; W. M., a resident of Polk township; D. F., living in Knoxville; Julia A., the wife of J. O. West of Colorado; Eliza, who married F. M. Kerr, also a resident of Colorado; Allie, deceased, and M. D., the youngest.

The last mentioned was educated in the rural schools of Polk township and lived at home until his marriage to Miss Eva P. McLain, which occurred in 1887 at Knoxville. She is a daughter of J. B. and Lucy (Nichols) McLain, the former born on the 3d of July, 1833, at Shady Gap, Pennsylvania. His marriage occurred on the 23d of November, 1853, and in the late '50s he brought his family to Iowa. Five years later, however, he removed to Ohio, but in 1876 again came to this state and settled at Hampton, where he conducted a dry-goods store until 1880, when he removed with his family to Knoxville, where he passed away on the 18th of June, 1914. He was a veteran of the Civil war and a member of the Knoxville Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife died on the 4th of March, 1901. To their union were born four children: Emily, the wife of W. L. Dickerson, of Knoxville; Fred D., deceased; Newton, also deceased; and Eva P., the wife of the subject of this review. She was born in Fredonia, Ohio, in 1867 and was brought to Iowa when nine years of age. Her education was acquired at Hampton and Iowa Falls. She later lived in Knoxville, where her marriage occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Fry have two children: Gail M., born on the 2d of February, 1889, graduated from the Knoxville high school in 1908 and subsequently married Frank Walter, who died in January, 1914. Since his death she has been attending business college in Des Moines. Erema S. was born on the 16th of November, 1892, and graduated from the local high school in 1909. She subsequently took a two years' course in music at Simpson College in Indianola, this state, and is now at home.

Mr. Fry began farming upon his own account subsequent to his marriage and for twenty years was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns a finely developed farm of two hundred and forty-three acres in Knoxville and Polk townships and has made many improvements thereon. For the past fourteen years he has lived retired in Knoxville, as his former labors gained him more than a competence. He is a democrat in his political belief and has been quite active in local affairs. He has been delegate to a number of county conventions and for three terms served as alderman from the third ward. He is well known in the city and has many friends, as to come into contact with him means to honor and respect him.

GEORGE W. DERRY.

George W. Derry, residing in the village of Columbia, has been a witness of the growth and development of Marion county for many years and can relate many an interesting tale concerning events which figure prominently in the history of this section of the state. He is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in that state January 23, 1843. His parents were Jacob and Eliza (Wilson) Derry, who were also natives of the Buckeye state and were there reared and married, while the mother died in Ohio. The Derry family was represented in that state from early pioneer times. The great-grandfather of our subject was greatly incensed at the Indians because of a massacre of his friends and relatives and swore eternal vengeance on every redskin who crossed his path. He resolved that other white people should not suffer as his friends and relatives had done if he could prevent it, and thus it was that he used every opportunity to exterminate the red men or drive them to districts further west.

In the family of Jacob Derry and his wife were nine children, of whom two died in early life, while two are yet living: George W., of this review; and Mrs. William Swing. The father came to the west in 1868 and settled in Marion county, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in Knoxville about 1898. After losing his first wife he married Anna Ogden and unto them were born nine children, so that altogether he had eighteen children. His widow survives and now lives in Knoxville. Mr. Derry was a democrat in politics but never held office nor desired political advancement of any kind. For many years he followed farming in

Knoxville township, contributing much toward making it the rich agricultural district which it is today. In his later years he retired and took up his residence in Knoxville, where he remained until called to the home beyond.

George W. Derry was educated in the schools of Ohio, in which state the first seventeen years of his life were passed. He came to Marion county in 1860 and at once started out to earn his own living. He worked as a farm hand for a brief time but watched with interest the progress of events which marked the beginning of the Civil war, and when it was seen that the two sides were very evenly matched and that the question was not to be settled in a short time, he offered his services to the government, enlisting in Company G, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, on the 24th of October, 1861, although a youth of only eighteen years. He was mustered in on the 21st of November for three years' service and on the 29th of January, 1864, he reenlisted for the remainder of the war. He was promoted to sixth corporal in May, 1864; to fourth corporal on the 1st of August, 1864; and to second corporal on the 1st of January, 1865. On the 24th of July, 1865, he was mustered out at Louisville, having made a most creditable military record through the almost four years of his active service. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, in the siege and battle of Corinth, the hotly contested siege of Vicksburg, the hard-fought battle of Atlanta on the 21st and 22d of July and was again on duty at Atlanta on the 28th of July and through the siege. He was frequently in the thickest of the fight and he never faltered whatever the duty assigned to him.

When the war was over Mr. Derry returned to Marion county and has since followed farming. For seventeen years he carried on general agricultural pursuits in Washington township and for five years he has lived in the village of Columbia. At different times he has lived in various parts of the county but has always depended upon farming as a means of livelihood and of supporting his family comfortably.

On the 13th of August, 1866, Mr. Derry was united in marriage to Miss Mary Allen, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Allen, and to them five children were born, as follows: Katie, the deceased wife of Don Smith; Norah, who gave her hand in marriage to James Myers; Austin and Oscar, twins, the former deceased; and Stella, who is the wife of Frank Harkins. The wife and mother passed away January 30, 1914, leaving a husband and three children to mourn her loss, and her remains were interred in Columbia cemetery.

Mr. Derry is independent in politics but maintains a general interest in public affairs and gives his cooperation to plans and movements for the welfare of his community. Five years ago he retired from active business life and took up his abode in Columbia, where he is now residing, enjoying well merited rest that has come to him as the direct reward of persistent, earnest labor intelligently directed. He has lived in the county continuously for fifty-four years and many are the changes which have occurred during this period—changes which have placed Marion county on a par with the older counties of the state in all that makes for civilization and improvement.

J. F. WILLIAMS.

J. F. Williams, residing on section 31, Clay township, owns and operates a farm of two hundred acres in Clay and Liberty townships part of which has been in his possession more than a quarter of a century. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Marion county, his birth having here occurred on the 20th of August, 1857. His parents, S. C. and Sarah M. (Salliers) Williams, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, removed to Indiana and subsequently came to Iowa, spending the remainder of their lives here. They had ten children, seven of whom still survive.

J. F. Williams attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and when sixteen years of age left home and began providing for his own support by working as a farm hand. In 1887, having practiced strict economy, he had accumulated sufficient capital to buy land of his own and in that year came into possession of forty acres. In 1894 he bought eighty acres more and in 1900 another eighty-acre tract, so that he now has two hundred acres in Clay and Liberty townships which he operates. He erected modern and substantial buildings on the property and brought the place under a high state of cultivation and improvement, the well tilled fields annually yielding bounteous harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also devotes considerable attention to stock-raising, both branches of his business bringing him a gratifying annual income.

In 1883 Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss M. C. Rose, a native of Marion county, Iowa, and a daughter of Richard

and Matilda (Glenn) Rose, mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of T. R. Gregory, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Williams. For six terms prior to her marriage the wife of our subject followed the profession of teaching in this county. They have two children. M. W., who was born May 16, 1884, and now assists his father in the operation of the home farm, wedded Miss Sylvia B. Whitlatch, by whom he had two children: Macel, deceased; and Laverne. Elma A. Williams is still under the parental roof.

Mr. Williams exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has ably served in the capacity of school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Protestant church, to which his wife also belongs. They have spent their entire lives in Marion county and are widely and favorably known within its borders, the circle of their friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

WILLIAM R. HANNA.

William R. Hanna, one of the enterprising farmers of Clay township, owning a good tract of land on sections 19 and 20, was born May 18, 1858, on the place which is still his home, his parents being Andrew J. and Sarah H. (Knowles) Hanna, in whose family of three children William R. was the eldest, the others being A. J. and Mary M. The father was born in West Virginia but was reared in Athens county, Ohio, where occurred the birth of the mother. They were married October 19, 1856, and at once left Ohio for Iowa, traveling by wagon across the country. They reached their destination in December, 1856, and the farm consisting of two hundred and forty acres of land in Clay township, Marion county, was purchased by Mr. Hanna May 1, 1856. His was the first farm in the county to sell for fifty dollars per acre. He became one of the foremost agriculturists of the state and had at one time three thousand acres. His prosperity was notable in that at different times he faced various hardships and difficulties, having at one time to pay a security debt of sixty-five hundred dollars on which he never received a cent. He possessed, however, notable business ability and keen sagacity and as the years passed on well merited success in large measure crowned his labors. His political allegiance was given the republican party and he was called



ANDREW J. HANNA

to serve in a number of township offices. He died February 8, 1908, having survived his wife for about twenty-seven years, and they were laid to rest in Brackenridge cemetery.

William R. Hanna was reared upon the old home farm and purchased the place when his father removed to town. He further improved the property and is today one of the substantial agriculturists of Marion county, owning six hundred acres of valuable land in the county and also a smaller tract in Colorado. Upon his place are seen all of the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. The fields are well fenced, good barns and sheds furnish ample shelter to grain and stock and the latest improved machinery facilitates the work of the fields.

In 1880 Mr. Hanna was united in marriage to Miss Julia M. Rouze, a daughter of W. K. and Mary T. Rouze. They now have three children, namely: Laura M., who is the wife of Ed Osborn; Cresco A., who wedded Miss Edith Haines; and Beryl W., at home.

Politically Mr. Hanna is a republican but has never held office nor is he desirous to do so. He prefers to concentrate his undivided attention upon his business interests and he has displayed sound judgment in managing his farm and enhancing its productiveness. His labors have been attended with excellent results and he ranks with the leading farmers of the county.

E. R. JORDAN.

E. R. Jordan is the popular and capable cashier of the Guaranty Bank of Knoxville, which is one of the reliable financial institutions of the city. He was born near Pleasantville in 1883 of the marriage of John and Mary E. (Ruddell) Jordan, both natives of Adams county, Illinois, where their marriage occurred. The paternal grandfather, William F. Jordan, came to this state in the '40s and entered the land where Pleasantville now stands. The father, who was a farmer and also a merchant, passed away in 1898 and was survived by his widow until 1903. He was the father of seven children, three by a former marriage, one of whom is deceased, and four by the mother of the subject of this review. Two of that family have passed away. Two uncles of our subject, Miles and Wesley Jordan, were prominent merchants of Pleasantville for a number of years.

E. R. Jordan completed a commercial course in Elliott's Business College after graduating from the public schools and at the age

of seventeen years entered the Citizens Bank of Pleasantville as book-keeper and in time became cashier. In 1913 he accepted the position of cashier of the Guaranty Bank of Knoxville, in which connection he is still serving. The institution is a private bank and its ownership is vested in a copartnership comprising twenty-six members. It gives its depositors the largest security of any bank in the county, more than three thousand acres of Iowa land, over twenty-seven hundred of which are in this county. Mr. Jordan's knowledge of business affairs in general and of banking procedure in particular has been of great value to the bank and has contributed in large measure to the prosperity which the institution enjoys.

Mr. Jordan was married in 1907 to Miss Lillis Hays, of Audubon, this state. He is a member of the Christian church and a democrat in his political belief. Fraternally he belongs to the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand, and to the blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity. Since coming to Knoxville he has gained recognition as an energetic, prudent and successful business man and has also won many warm friends, who esteem him for his admirable traits of character.

SHELDON J. MARSH.

Sheldon J. Marsh, a prosperous farmer and stockman residing in Knoxville township, was born on the 14th of October, 1855, in that township, and is a son of Daniel Marsh, mentioned more at length elsewhere in this work. He has resided in Knoxville township during his entire life and gained his early education by attendance at the public schools. He was also a student in Professor McKee's Academy at Knoxville in 1875 and 1876. His home training prepared him well for the work of an agriculturist and upon arriving at mature years he decided to follow that occupation. He owns two hundred and fifty-five acres of productive land on sections 3, 4 and 8, Knoxville township, and has made many improvements upon his place, which is lacking in none of the equipments of an up-to-date farm. He follows general farming and his practical knowledge of the best methods of agriculture, coupled with his energy, insures him good crops annually.

On the 10th of January, 1889, Mr. Marsh was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Griffith, who was born in Greene county,

Pennsylvania, on the 15th of February, 1860. Her parents, Samuel and Juliana (Burris) Griffith, were both born in the vicinity of Morgantown, West Virginia, the former on the 30th of September, 1814, and the latter on the 9th of January, 1829. Their marriage occurred at Mount Morris, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of November, 1847. Mr. Griffith gave his time and attention to agricultural pursuits in the Keystone state until 1868, when he came west with his family, arriving at Pella, Marion county, on the 14th of September of that year. The following December a removal was made to Wayne county and there he farmed for three years. At the end of that time he returned to this county and in 1876 he purchased the farm now owned and operated by his son, Samuel Ross Griffith. The place is on section 5, Knoxville township, and is a valuable property. Mr. Griffith served in the Civil war, enlisting in Company F, Seventh Virginia Volunteer Infantry, on the 18th of September, 1861. He participated in the battles of Winchester, Romney and Harrison's Landing and a number of other engagements. At Harrison's Landing he contracted a severe cold which eventually affected his eyes and he was sent to a hospital in New Jersey. The care which he received was unavailing and he was sent home totally blind. He lived twenty-six years after this, his death occurring on the 6th of August, 1888. He was of Welsh descent, his parents coming to this country from Wales. His wife was of Irish and English lineage, her maternal ancestors coming to this country from the Emerald isle in the seventeenth century. Her father, William Burris, was an Englishman and married Miss Sarah Donley, a daughter of James and Susanna Donley. Mrs. Burris lived to a remarkable age, lacking but a month of rounding out one hundred and two years. Mr. Burris died April 19, 1850. The family were Methodists in their religious belief. Mrs. Griffith died on the 7th of July, 1907. Her daughter, Mrs. Marsh, is one of seven children, the others being: William Burris, deceased; Sarah, the wife of A. F. Conn, of Garden City, Kansas; Charles M., of Knoxville township, this county; James Donley, deceased; Edward F., of Denver, Colorado; and Samuel Ross, living upon the old home place in Knoxville township.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are the parents of five children: one who died in infancy; J. Howard, who was born December 1, 1893; Lila Gertrude, born April 13, 1895; Sheldon Perry, who was born January 12, 1897, and died when a year and a half old; and Forrest Burris, born May 19, 1900.

Mr. Marsh is a republican, and fraternally belongs to the Masonic order and is a member of the Eastern Star, as are his wife and

daughter Lila. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and manifest in many ways a keen interest in the growth of the organization. The high opinion which their neighbors entertain for them is the best testimony to the high standards of conduct that guide their lives and their friends are many.

ASHLIE WELSHER.

For two terms Ashlie Welsher served acceptably as county recorder and since 1911 has been engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Knoxville and in the intervening three years has negotiated a large number of real-estate transactions and has written many insurance policies. He was born in Lorain county, Ohio, on the 8th of November, 1857, a son of Alonzo and Mary A. (Rowland) Welsher, who were natives of Monroe county, New York, and Lorain county, Ohio, respectively. The paternal grandfather was Aaron Welsher, a native of New York who removed to Ohio and was a farmer by occupation. The maternal grandfather was Wildman Rowland, a native of Massachusetts, descended from Revolutionary stock.

Alonzo Welsher grew to manhood in Ohio and there learned the carpenter's trade. In 1852 he made the long and perilous journey overland to California and remained in that state until 1855. In that year he returned east and in 1856 was married. In September, 1861, he brought his family to this county, locating upon a farm in Franklin township, which he had purchased two years before. He continued to live here until his death, which occurred on the 17th of July, 1914. In addition to operating his farm he conducted a saw mill. His political adherence was given to the republican party and for three terms he served upon the board of supervisors. His widow survives and is well known and highly esteemed in her locality. To them were born two children: Ashlie, of this review; and Bertram R., who was killed in a railway wreck on the 1st of October, 1900.

Ashlie Welsher received a public-school education and in his youth also learned the principles of farming. After starting out in life for himself he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits until 1901, when he removed to Knoxville and in the fall of 1906 was elected county recorder. He performed so well the work devolving upon him in that capacity that he was reelected in 1908. His second

term expired on the 1st of January, 1911, and since then he has been successfully engaged in the real-estate and insurance business. He is a man of energy, foresight and sound business judgment and these qualities insure his continued success in his chosen field.

On the 1st of November, 1882, Mr. Welsher was united in marriage to Miss Nannie J. Wilson, a daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Newbrey) Wilson. Her father served in the Civil war, enlisting from this county, to which he had come in the late '50s. He was married here to Miss Ellen Newbrey, a daughter of John Newbrey, who was one of the pioneer settlers of the county but who in the '70s removed to Kansas, where he died when more than ninety years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Welsher have been born four children: Ethel, at home; Earl, manager of the lumberyard at Melcher; Clinna, at home; and Don, who was born in 1894 and died in 1895.

The family attend the Congregational church and Mr. Welsher's political allegiance is given to the republican party. Fraternally he is a member of Oriental Lodge, No. 61, F. & A. M., and Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M. His son Earl is a past master of Oriental blue lodge, a member of the Knights Templar commandery and the Mystic Shrine. Mrs. Welsher is past matron of the Eastern Star and both daughters also belong to that order and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Earl has been connected with the Iowa National Guard and has served as first lieutenant. Mr. Welsher has made an excellent record as a public official, as a business man and in all relations of life and enjoys the merited respect of his fellow citizens.

CHARLES WHITLATCH.

The name of Whitlatch became connected with the history of Marion county during pioneer times, for among the early settlers in this section of the state was the family of which Charles Whitlatch was a representative. He was born in Ohio on the 24th of August, 1826, a son of Noah and Eva (Bible) Whitlatch, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state, whence they removed to Indiana. They became residents of Iowa in pioneer times and both the father and mother spent their last days in Marion county.

Charles Whitlatch came with the family to this district and with every phase of pioneer life he soon became familiar. Many of the homes at that early day were built of logs. The fields were largely

unfenced and there was not a little prairie land still unclaimed and uncultivated. Mr. Whitlatch became an active factor in the development of the farming interests of the county and throughout his entire life gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He worked on persistently and energetically year after year, turning the furrows in the early spring, planting the seeds, cultivating the crops and in due time gathering good harvests. He overcame difficulties and obstacles by determination and energy and in all of his business affairs was thoroughly reliable.

In this county Mr. Whitlatch was married on the 17th of November, 1861, to Miss Millie Hall, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Martin and Susan (Kee) Hall, who removed to Iowa in 1848 and settled in Marion county upon a farm which the father entered from the government. Both he and his wife died upon this place. In their family were eight children, of whom four are living. Mr. and Mrs. Whitlatch became the parents of seven children, as follows: Robert J., who operates the home farm; Mary J., who is the wife of Frank Mallory; John H.; one who died in infancy; Eva, who gave her hand in marriage to John Spaur; Edgar E.; and Pearl C., who died at the age of eighteen years.

Mr. Whitlatch provided liberally for his family through the conduct of his farming interests, which as the years passed on brought to him a creditable measure of prosperity. He did not seek to figure prominently in any public connection but was a devoted husband and father, a faithful friend and a public-spirited and progressive citizen. After his demise his widow sold the old homestead and is now living in the village of Attica, where she owns and occupies a pleasant residence. She is a Protestant in religious faith and throughout her entire life has displayed many sterling traits of heart and mind which have endeared her to those with whom she has been brought in contact.

THOMPSON CRAIG.

Possibly no man alive today in Marion county has seen greater changes in the community than Thompson Craig, who for sixty years has lived here, an interested witness and an active participant in the work of transformation that has brought the county out from a pioneer environment and secured for it all of the advantages and opportunities of modern civilization. He was born in Fayette

county, Ohio, December 24, 1826, and has therefore passed the eighty-eighth milestone on life's journey. His parents were John and Sarah Ann Craig, who reared a family of five children, all of whom are now deceased save the subject of this review. The parents lived and died in Ohio, leaving their son Thompson an orphan when he was but six years of age.

He was early thrown upon his own resources and worked as a farm hand in Highland county, Ohio, until he reached the age of fifteen, when he sought the opportunities of the new and growing west, finally arriving in Marion county, Iowa, in 1854. A brother had come to the county a short time before and had entered from the government all of section 6, Indiana township, for five men. Of this Thompson Craig received one hundred and twenty acres and upon the farm has resided continuously since, devoting his life to general farming and stock-raising. As the years passed on he converted the wild prairie land into rich and productive fields. He had to perform the arduous task of breaking the sod and many other difficult labors incident to the development of a new farm. When he arrived here the county was largely unimproved, some of the now thriving towns and villages had not yet sprung into existence and the county seat was but little more than a hamlet. One could ride for miles over the territory without coming to a fence or habitation to impede his progress, but the value of the country was becoming recognized and soon notable changes occurred, for settlers came to claim the wild land, which soon passed from the hands of the government into the possession of individuals and was converted into rich farms. Mr. Craig used practical methods in carrying on the farm work and in the course of time gathered abundant harvests as a reward for his labors.

On the 25th of October, 1849, occurred the marriage of Mr. Craig and Miss Judith Painter, a daughter of John and Phoebe (De Poy) Painter, who lived and died in Ohio. They had a family of nine children, all of whom have passed away with the exception of Mrs. Craig, who by her marriage became the mother of eleven children, namely: Eli A. and Henry S., both of whom are deceased; John O.; Samuel A.; Emma R., the wife of Joseph Geisinger; William S.; Della, the widow of Joseph Jenkins; Benjamin Franklin; Thomas Arman, who died at the age of two years; May, the wife of J. Jenkins; and Noka Valentine.

In his political views Mr. Craig has always been a republican since the organization of the party but has never sought nor desired office and has never served in a public position save that of school

director. His time and energies have been concentrated upon his farming interests and his home place today bears no resemblance to the claim upon which he settled more than six decades ago. He and his wife made the journey westward by wagon, oftentimes having to ford the streams. Many of the homes in this locality were log cabins and the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun. There was a spirit of helpfulness, however, that bound the early settlers closely together. They had many mutual interests and they were always willing to assist one another, while the spirit of hospitality reigned supreme. In the years which have come and gone Mr. and Mrs. Craig have enjoyed the friendship of all with whom they have come in contact and they are today numbered among the most highly esteemed and venerable couples of the county, sixty-five years having passed since they started out on life's journey together as man and wife.

EDWARD HARVEY.

No history of Marion county would be complete were there failure to make prominent reference to Edward Harvey, who is one of the self-made men and pioneer settlers of this part of the state. He was born in Fayette county, Ohio, on the 18th of March, 1831, a son of Washington and Sidney (Hinkle) Harvey, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. They became residents of Ohio at an early day and there the mother passed away in 1848. The father afterward married again and later removed to the west, settling in Marion county, Iowa, where he resided until his death, being accounted one of the leading and representative agriculturists of his community. He had a family of nine children, of whom Edward is the eldest and the only one now living.

Edward Harvey left home at the age of eighteen years and was employed at farm labor up to the time of his marriage, when he began farming on his own account in Ohio, there remaining for two years. In 1853 he arrived in Iowa and took up his abode upon the farm in Marion county whereon he now resides. He entered the land from the government. His first home was a log cabin covered with a clapboard roof, and there was a mud and stick chimney and a puncheon floor. The door had its latchstring, which usually hung on the outside—an indication of the hospitality which reigned among the pioneer settlers. After occupying that primitive home for a

number of years Edward Harvey built a frame residence and as time passed on he added many modern equipments and improvements to his farm. In tilling his fields he followed progressive methods, with the result that in the course of years he gathered abundant harvests. He also began raising stock and has long made it a special feature of his business, deriving therefrom a substantial annual income.

On the 9th of October, 1851, Mr. Harvey was united in marriage to Miss Sarah H. Chaney, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Solomon and Margaret (Lane) Chaney, who spent their last days in the Buckeye state. To this marriage were born four children: Thomas B.; Margaret A., now the widow of James Koons; Francis R. and Mary E., both now deceased. The mother passed away in the early '60s and was laid to rest in the Brackenridge cemetery. About 1864 Mr. Harvey was again married, his second union being with Miss Martha J. Rich, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Alexander and Rachel Rich, both of whom are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey were born eight children: Eva J., the wife of G. A. Perry; George W.; J. E.; Ida M., the wife of James Loynachan; F. A.; Nettie E., the wife of William Loynachan; Henry W., deceased; and one other who has passed away. The mother of these children died in 1902 and her grave was also made in Brackenridge cemetery.

Mr. Harvey is still the owner of one hundred and forty acres of land on section 16, Clay township, and has made his farm one of the highly improved properties of the district. His fields have been brought to a high state of cultivation and he has secured the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate the work of cultivating and caring for the crops. When he took up his abode upon this farm he had but ten cents in his pocket. He worked until he could secure a few bushels of corn and he had some meal for bread. He traded his clock for two shoats and since that time he has always been able to have meat. In a word, he has led a most busy life and his earnest, persistent labor has been the means of bringing to him substantial prosperity. In his political views he is a republican but has never sought nor desired political office. He has served, however, as school director and trustee. Fraternally he is connected with Bellefontaine Lodge, No. 163, F. & A. M., in which he has filled some of the chairs, and he is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. For more than sixty-one years he has occupied the farm which is still his home and throughout the entire period has been accounted one of the leading farmers of Marion county. In all business affairs he

has been thoroughly reliable and in matters of citizenship has been progressive, and in the community where he has now remained for almost two-thirds of a century he is held in the highest esteem.

T. R. GREGORY.

T. R. Gregory, who has spent his entire life in Marion county and has carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, still resides upon his farm of two hundred and fifty acres on section 17, Clay township, but is now enjoying well earned retirement. His birth occurred in that township on the 6th of December, 1853, his parents being James T. and Harriet (Ridlen) Gregory, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They came to Iowa in 1846, the father entering a tract of land in Clay township, this county, whereon he built a log cabin which was his home for some years. In 1863 he removed to Knoxville, where both he and his wife passed away at the age of eighty-eight years and in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which they were devoted members. To them was accorded the rare pleasure of celebrating their seventieth wedding anniversary, and eight of their thirteen children are yet living. James T. Gregory gave his political allegiance to the democracy.

T. R. Gregory acquired his education in the common schools and remained at home until past twenty-seven years of age or until the time of his marriage. Following that important event in his life he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and in 1905 purchased the farm on which he now resides and which embraces two hundred and fifty acres of valuable land on section 17, Clay township. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of prosperity and he is now living retired in the enjoyment of a comfortable competence.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Gregory chose Miss Sarah S. Rose, a native of Marion county, Iowa, and a daughter of Richard and Matilda (Glenn) Rose, who were born in Kentucky and Illinois respectively. They came to Iowa in 1855 and located on a farm in this county which Mr. Rose secured with a Mexican land warrant, having served throughout the Mexican war. Both he and his wife remained on the property until called to their final rest. They had six children and five of the number survive. Mrs. Gregory, who taught school for some terms prior to her mar-

riage, has become the mother of four children, as follows: one who died in infancy; Glenn, deceased; Jessie A., who had a high-school education and is now the wife of W. H. Stroud, of Clay township; and Ruth R., who is attending college at Pella.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Gregory has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. For some years he has served in the capacity of school director. The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have spent their entire lives in Marion county and are well known and highly esteemed as people of genuine personal worth.

ARTHUR B. MARSH.

Arthur B. Marsh, a farmer and stock-raiser owning and operating two hundred and ten acres in Knoxville township, is a native son of that township, his birth occurring in the Daniel Marsh home on section 9 on the 28th of July, 1858. A sketch of his father, Daniel Marsh, is found elsewhere in this work.

Arthur B. Marsh has resided in Knoxville township during his whole life and since 1885 has lived upon the farm which is now his home, comprising two hundred and ten acres on sections 8 and 9. His early training as an agriculturist upon the homestead prepared him well for operating his farm and since reaching maturity he has continued to devote his time to the cultivation of the soil and the raising of stock. He is alert and enterprising and well deserved success rewards his industry.

On the 14th of April, 1885, Mr. Marsh was married to Miss Jennie Courtney, who was born in Ohio, January 13, 1860, a daughter of Thomas and Mahala Courtney. The mother, who was born in 1832, is still living at Pleasantville, but the father has passed away. Mrs. Marsh died on the 28th of September, 1911, leaving two children. Ira, born on the 10th of October, 1889, married Miss Artie Brouse, of Knoxville, by whom he has two children, Doris and an infant. Daniel E., born on the 7th of November, 1891, married Miss Carrie Long, a daughter of B. M. Long, a farmer of Knoxville township. The first born, Chester, whose birth occurred on the 21st of April, 1886, died on the 10th of May, 1909.

Mr. Marsh is a republican and is staunch in his support of the policies and candidates of that organization, believing that its suc-

cess at the polls means the welfare of the country. He has served as township trustee and as school director and is at all times interested in the community welfare. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, holding membership in the lodge at Knoxville. Since pioneer times the name of Marsh has been intimately associated with the agricultural development of Marion county and the subject of this review has by his successful and upright life added to the esteem in which the family is held here.

B. H. VAN SPANCKEREN.

B. H. Van Spanckeren is the present efficient cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Pella and is recognized as one of the prominent business men of the city. He was born in Pella on the 2d of September, 1860, a son of B. H. and Dirkie (Ver Steeg) Van Spanckeren, both natives of Holland. In 1847 they emigrated to the United States and came to Pella, where their marriage occurred soon afterward. The father owned the first bakery in Pella, conducting the same until about 1871, and after that he was a proprietor of a dry-goods store until 1892. In the last mentioned year he retired and is still living at the age of eighty-eight years, having survived his wife for many years, her demise occurring in 1890. He is a member of the Baptist church, as was also his wife. Of the fourteen children born to them ten died in infancy. Those who grew to maturity are: B. H., of this review; Mrs. L. Recrink, the wife of a farmer living near Pella; Mrs. Dora Welle, a resident of Sully, Iowa; and J. H. H., a farmer.

B. H. Van Spanckeren was reared in Pella and attended the public schools in the acquirement of his education. For twenty-eight years he was engaged in the dry-goods business, having entered his father's store when but a youth. From 1882 to 1892 he was a partner of his father but in 1892 he became sole owner of the establishment and managed it successfully until 1908, maintaining the high standard set by his father and keeping apace with the later developments in retail trade. In 1908 he sold the store and has since devoted his entire time to the banking business. He entered the Citizens National Bank in 1906 and his knowledge of business conditions and methods led to his rapid advancement and he is now cashier of that institution, which ranks among the best banks of the county. He requires excellent security before loaning money, but

if once convinced that the funds of the depositors will not be endangered, he is liberal in the extension of credit and in this way has made the bank of great service to the business men of the community.

In 1882 Mr. Van Spanckeren was married to Miss Katherine Van Spanckeren, a daughter of L. H. and Harriett (Sleyster) Van Spanckeren. They settled in Pella in 1847 and the father for a number of years conducted a general store but is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Van Spanckeren were born five children: Bern H., a farmer living in Mesa, Arizona; Mrs. A. W. Leland, a resident of Dixon, Illinois; L. H., a resident of Mesa, Arizona, and the teller in the Mesa City Bank; Warner J., who is employed in the Citizens National Bank of Pella; and Katherine Bessie, at home. The wife and mother was called to her reward on the 4th of October, 1914, at the age of fifty-five years. Funeral services were conducted on the 7th of October by President J. W. Bailey, of Central University. She was highly esteemed and as a mark of respect the business houses of the city were closed during the funeral.

The family belong to the Baptist church and guide their lives by its teachings. Mr. Van Spanckeren is a supporter of the republican party and belongs to the Masonic order. His life has been one of service to the community, as he has contributed to the business and financial growth of Pella, first as merchant and later as cashier of one of the leading banks of the city. He has spent his entire life here and has thoroughly identified himself with the progress of the community and has won the unqualified respect of his fellow citizens.

REUBEN CORE, SR.

Reuben Core, Sr., owns and operates a quarter section of fine land on section 9, Union township, and also holds title to four hundred and fifty acres in Red Rock and Polk townships, which he rents to others, and is one of the representative agriculturists of the county. He was born in Ross county, Ohio, October 25, 1848, a son of Isaac and Sarah (Himes) Core. The father was born in Maryland in 1799 and the mother's birth occurred in Ohio. She died when the subject of this review was a small boy. The father came to Iowa in 1854 and purchased land, increasing his holdings until he was the owner of four hundred acres. He passed away in January, 1874.

when about seventy-five years of age. He was a republican in his political belief and took a citizen's interest in public affairs. He and his wife had nine children, four of whom survive. The subject of this review is the youngest in the family and at the time of his father's removal to Iowa was but a small boy of six years.

Reuben Core, Sr., received the greater part of his education in the country schools here. The schoolhouses were primitive at the time and the modern desks and seats were represented by simple slabs of wood. The schoolhouse itself was built of logs and there was school only a few months in the winter. Mr. Core began aiding with the farm work as soon as large and strong enough to do so and in this way he gained a practical knowledge of agriculture and was an efficient farmer by the time that he was grown. Upon starting out in life for himself he engaged in the mercantile business for four years, but after his marriage, which occurred in 1879, he began farming on his own account. He has since devoted his energies to agriculture and has attained marked success in that line. He cultivates one hundred and sixty acres of land in Union township, where he has resided for about thirty-five years, and also owns four hundred and fifty acres in Red Rock and Polk townships, which he leases. For a number of years he raised full blooded Aberdeen Angus cattle but at present has no registered stock. He formerly fed stock extensively, having usually from seventy-five to one hundred head of cattle on the place. He does general farming and his knowledge of efficient methods, his energy and good management insure him handsome profits annually. He has made most of the improvements upon his place, which is well developed, and has about four acres of orchard, including apple, peach, pear, cherry and plum trees.

Mr. Core was married in 1879 to Miss Catherine Johnson, a daughter of Peter M. and Eliza (Girard) Johnson. The father was born in Ohio in 1819. He was a successful physician and well known in his locality. His demise occurred in 1881. His wife, who was born in Ohio, died in 1860. Mrs. Core was born in Iowa in April, 1857, and in this state her parents had been married about fifteen years before. Her father was married four times and had fourteen children, she being the ninth in order of birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Core were born ten children: Maude, who married B. F. Franks of Marion county; Clarence C., who married Gertrude McGraw of Marion county; Lyde, who married J. R. McGraw; Forest E., deceased; Grace, at home; Blaine, who married Naomi Shawrer; and Reuben, Hazel, Dale and Bernice, all at home.

Mr. Core has supported the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has taken an active part in public affairs. He has served as assessor, trustee, road supervisor and is at present upon the school board. He has also been a delegate to a number of county republican conventions. In his religious faith he is a Methodist and the integrity of his life is the best testimony to the sincerity of his religious belief.

CHARLES N. CROUCH.

Charles N. Crouch is now engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Knoxville but was formerly a farmer and stock dealer of the county. He was born in Mason county, West Virginia, October 23, 1851, a son of William and Emily (Hayes) Crouch. Upon both sides of the house he is of German descent. His father came to Marion county on the 10th of May, 1856, and purchased a small farm in Polk township. He disposed of this and during the years that he resided here bought and sold farms several times. He was successful as an agriculturist and gained a competence by his labor. He passed away in 1898 and was survived by his wife for six years, her demise occurring in 1904. Both were members of the Baptist church and people of estimable qualities of character and he aided materially in the erection of the First Baptist church structure at Cold Ridge. Their children number ten, seven sons and three daughters.

Charles N. Crouch attended the public schools as a boy and thus acquired a serviceable education. He engaged in farming after arriving at mature years and was thus occupied until 1899. He paid special attention to raising and dealing in live-stock, breeding Black Polled cattle and Jersey Red hogs. He traded extensively in live-stock and found it a very profitable occupation. On the 2d of December, 1899, he removed to Knoxville and has since engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in this city. He buys and sells farms and his practical experience as an agriculturist has proven of great value to him in this connection. He also makes loans and as he is judicious in the placing of money has throughout the years that he has been engaged in business suffered very little loss either of principal or interest. His success enables him to rank among the representative business men of the city and he has gained the confidence

of those with whom he has dealt because of his fairness and strict integrity.

On Christmas day, 1873, Mr. Crouch was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Smith, of Marion county, a daughter of Charles and Mary Smith, who came to this county from Ohio in 1856. Her father was engaged in farming during his active life. Mr. and Mrs. Crouch have an adopted daughter, Ruth, who is now eight years of age. Mr. Crouch and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are active in its work and he is captain of the gospel team that holds meetings in various places in the county and thus stimulates church activity. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is always staunch in his support of its principles. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in the local subordinate lodge. The life of Mr. Crouch has measured up to the principles of justice and brotherly kindness which he professes and he is accorded that respect which sincerity always commands.

MR. AND MRS. JONATHAN K. BEEM.

Jonathan K. Beem, a retired farmer, who for the past eight years has lived in Knoxville, still owns property in Pleasantville but has sold his farm. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, on the 14th of April, 1835, a son of Michael and Lucinda (Rose) Beem. The father was also born in Ohio, probably in Licking county, and farmed there for a number of years. The Beem family were early settlers in that locality and were quite prominent. They always held an annual reunion. When Jonathan K. Beem was quite small the family removed to Independence, Iowa, where his father followed farming until 1852 when the family took up their abode in Pleasant Grove township, Marion county, where the father entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he improved. He passed away in this county when seventy-seven years of age. He was a republican and a member of the Christian church. His wife was a native of Licking county, Ohio, where her marriage occurred, and she died in this county when sixty-six years old. She was also a member of the Christian church. Three of their twelve children grew to maturity, the brothers of Jonathan K. Beem being: Michael C., of Pleasantville; and Joshua, living in Lehigh, Webster county, Iowa.



MR. AND MRS. JONATHAN K. BEEM



Jonathan K. Beem attended school both in Ohio and Independence, Iowa, but only for a few months each year, and did not receive more than the rudiments of an education. However, he was thoroughly trained in agriculture and learned many things of value that are not taught in school. He remained at home until his marriage, which occurred in 1859, when he began farming for himself. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served for nearly a year in the Civil war, his command being assigned to the Army of the Potomac. Two of his brothers were also in the Union service. Michael veteranized and took part in many severe engagements, having a number of narrow escapes. Although Mr. Beem of this review participated in several hotly contested battles, he was never wounded. After the war he returned home and resumed farming, being so occupied during his active life. He became one of the well-to-do and progressive agriculturists of the county, but has now sold his land, although he still owns property in Pleasantville and also his fine residence in Knoxville, where he has lived retired for the past eight years.

Mr. Beem was married in March, 1859, to Miss Malinda W. Proffitt, who died in 1904, leaving six children, five of whom survive. William is deceased; Lucinda is the wife of George Irvin, an undertaker living in Van Buren county, Iowa; Wesley Michael, a merchant of Denver, Colorado, is married and has several children; Clara May is the wife of Charles Franks, a resident of Canada; Arthur is a farmer living in Oklahoma; and Ezra D. is engaged in the real-estate business in Pleasantville and is married.

On the 15th of January, 1908, Mr. Beem married Mrs. Sarah A. Manhardt, nee Gregory, the widow of Frederick Manhardt, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. She was born on the 11th of August, 1844, in Bartholomew county, Indiana, a daughter of James T. and Harriet (Ridlen) Gregory. Her father was a native of Fulton county, Indiana, to which state his parents removed from Tennessee. Her mother was born in Bartholomew county, and her father and mother were from Tennessee and Maryland respectively. Her grandfather Ridlen, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Beem, was born in England. Mr. and Mrs. James T. Gregory removed to Fulton county, Indiana, some time after the birth of their daughter Sarah A. and resided there for a year, but at the end of that time returned to Bartholomew county. In 1849 they came to Marion county, Iowa, arriving on the 29th of March and locating near Bellefontaine. The father traded a wagon and team and paid forty dollars in cash for an improved eighty acre farm and the parents

resided there for many years. He was a man of marked business ability and very successful as a farmer, becoming owner of three hundred acres of land which he cultivated until he retired from active life and removed to Knoxville, where he died September 13, 1913, lacking about a month of being eighty-nine years old. He was widely and favorably known in the county and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was also his wife. The latter died at Knoxville on the 24th of April, 1914, lacking just two days of being eighty-eight years of age. To their union were born thirteen children, of whom nine grew to maturity, four sons and five daughters, namely: Sarah A., now Mrs. Jonathan K. Beem; Mrs. Nancy J. De Vore; Timothy R.; James Douglas, living in Nebraska; John, a resident of this county; Myrtle, who died when twenty-five years of age; Mrs. Lillie Butterfield, living in Everist, Iowa; Mrs. Melissa McCarthy, living in Knoxville; and Worth, who owns forty acres of the home place in the suburbs of Knoxville.

On the 30th of May, 1861, Sarah A. Gregory was married to Frederick Manhardt, who died in March, 1906. He had been previously married and had four children by his first union, all born in this county: Harriet, Lydia, Medora and Alice. By his marriage to Miss Gregory he had eight children, namely: Mary, the wife of Gilbert Gregory, who resides in Kansas; Emma, the wife of Charles Rose, of Kansas; James W., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Minnie, the wife of Charles Adam Koenig, who is a drayman of Knoxville; and four others who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Beem reside at No. 608 South Fourth street, Knoxville, which place they own and in which they often entertain their many friends. Both are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mrs. Beem having joined when a child of ten years. Mr. Beem is a republican and has held several township offices. Externally he belongs to the Grand Army post at Knoxville, in which he is at present chaplain. Both he and his wife are widely known and highly esteemed and have the goodwill of all who know them.

EDMUND MCCOY.

Edmund McCoy, who served for four years as treasurer of Marion county and is now living retired in Knoxville, was born in Dallas township, this county, July 9, 1860, a son of Henry W. and Margaret E. (Willis) McCoy. His father entered land in this

county in the early days, having come here when a young man from Coshocton county, Ohio. He improved his land and added to it until at the time of his death he owned four hundred and forty acres, which for many years he personally operated, but some time before his death he gave each of his children eighty acres and kept one hundred and twenty acres for himself. He was a self-made man, as he left his home when fifteen years of age and thereafter provided for his own support. His father, Edmund McCoy, was a farmer in Ohio, and Henry W. was the only one of the family to locate in this county. The latter devoted his life to farming and stock-raising and was much interested in the latter occupation, it being generally conceded that he had the finest cattle in his section of the county. He was a staunch republican in his political belief and manifested a keen interest in public affairs. He died in April, 1901, when seventy-eight years of age. His wife was born and reared in Coshocton county, Ohio, but came to this county in her youth and here they were married. She survives and makes her home in Dallas at the age of eighty years. To them were born four children. Edmund is the oldest. Mrs. Allie Millen for the past ten years has resided in the vicinity of Sheridan, Lucas county, Iowa. R. G., who is now a resident of this county, although for twelve years he lived in Kansas and farmed in that state and in Iowa, is now living in Melcher and is cashier of the bank there. Mrs. Mary V. Damon is also a resident of Melcher.

Edmund McCoy has always lived in this county. He was educated in the district schools near his home and as a boy learned farming. For many years he continued to follow that occupation and gave special attention to the raising of cattle and hogs. He also bought stock which he fattened and then marketed. For a long time he resided upon a farm comprising three hundred and twenty acres on sections 7 and 8, Washington township, but eight years ago he sold that land and purchased his present farm, which comprises four hundred and twenty acres and is situated in Knoxville township. At that time he removed to the city of Knoxville, where he still resides, as he was elected county treasurer and found it necessary to live in the county seat. He served in that office for four years, or two terms, and proved a systematic and reliable official. Although he has largely retired from active life, he still supervises the operation of his farm and the raising of live stock.

On the 27th of January, 1884, Mr. McCoy was married in Washington township to Miss Nancy J. Hunt, who was born in this county in June, 1863, a daughter of Jefferson and Annie Maria (White)

Hunt. After farming for many years they retired to Knoxville, where they died, the former when seventy-eight years of age and the latter when seventy-two. Both died in 1911, the father in November of that year and her mother in June. Mrs. McCoy was reared and educated in this county and by her marriage has become the mother of two children. Herbert D., a farmer and stockman, owns and operates two hundred and forty acres of fine land in Knoxville township. He married Miss Carrie M. Dear, whose father lives at Dallas. Marjorie G., born on St. Valentine's day, 1894, is now attending college at Ames, Iowa.

The family were members of the Methodist Protestant church, but as there is no church of that denomination in Knoxville they affiliate with the Congregational church here. Mr. McCoy is a republican in his political belief and has held a number of offices. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order and has filled all chairs in the blue lodge, and also holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the modern Woodmen of America. His daughter belongs to the Eastern Star and the Rebekahs and his wife to the latter organization. He has not only won financial prosperity but has also made many friends who hold him in warm regard, and all respect and esteem him.

GEORGE A. STEELE.

For the past half century George A. Steele has resided in the same locality in Knoxville township, and is known as a prosperous general farmer. He was born in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1854, a son of Charles and Amy (Delp) Steele. The father spent his boyhood and youth in Union county, Pennsylvania, where his parents both passed away. His father was Andrew Steele, a journeyman blacksmith, who also owned and operated a farm. Charles Steele was one of a family of four sons and three daughters, all now deceased. He was married in Pennsylvania and subsequently removed to Marion county, Iowa, where he operated a blacksmith shop for a number of years and where he also owned land. In religious faith he was a Baptist. He passed away on the 26th of February, 1889, when more than fifty-nine years of age. His ancestors were German and Irish. His wife was born in Middlesex county, Pennsylvania, of German parentage, a daughter of George and Sarah Ann (Swartslander) Delp, who were living in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, at the time

of her marriage to Mr. Steele. She was likewise a member of the Baptist church and died on the 14th of May, 1914, when eighty years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele were born ten children, of whom the subject of this review is the fourth in order of birth. Five survive, the others being two sisters living in Oklahoma, a sister in Montana, and a brother, William, who is a resident of Hot Springs, South Dakota.

George A. Steele was ten years of age when brought by his parents to this county and grew to manhood here. Under the instruction of his father he learned the principles of agriculture and also the trade of blacksmithing, and since reaching manhood has followed these occupations, devoting the greater part of his time to farming. However, he still does his own blacksmith work, such as horse-shoeing. Early in life he was taught the value of promptness and industry and he has founded his success upon his energy and determination. He owns two hundred and fifty acres on sections 17 and 18, Knoxville township, his land comprising his father's homestead on section 18. As he is but five miles west of Knoxville, he has a good market for his grain and stock and this adds to the value of his property.

Mr. Steele was married on the 21st of August, 1874, to Miss Eleanor Noles, a native of Hancock county, Illinois, born on the 16th of October, 1852, and a daughter of James and Caroline (Brownlee) Noles, residents of Illinois. The Noles family removed to the Prairie state in pioneer times from Ohio and the Brownlees emigrated there from Pennsylvania. James Noles was a soldier in the Mexican war and after the Civil war went to Pike's Peak, to which he had previously made two trips, and he lost his life there. He was also a blacksmith by trade. His widow died at the home of a son in Colorado about two decades ago at sixty-five years of age. Mrs. Steele is one of seven children and has four brothers living. She, however, is the only one of the family who resides in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Steele have been born five children: Jessie, the wife of Mark Jacobs, of Saskatchewan, Canada; Edna, who married John Kelly, a farmer of Knoxville township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Ada, the wife of Fred Harvey, a teamster of Dallas, this county; Charles, a farmer of Knoxville township, who married Miss Anna Gardner, by whom he has two children; and Howard, who married Miss Nora Sutherland and is operating a part of his father's farm.

Mr. Steele is a republican and his allegiance to that party has never wavered, as he is convinced of the soundness of its policies. A half century of continuous residence here has made him quite an

authority on the history of the county, and his active and honorable life has won for him many true friends, who hold him in the highest esteem.

THOMAS R. COLE, SR.

In time of peace and in time of war Thomas R. Cole, Sr., has always proved a man whom one could trust to perform well whatever duty lay nearest at hand. He served in the northern army, defending the integrity and indivisibility of the Union, and the fortunes of war were such that for several months he was confined in southern prisons. He was born in Ashland county, Ohio, on the 4th of May, 1838, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Ross) Cole, both natives of Ohio. The maternal grandfather, Thomas Ross, came to Iowa in 1844 and settled in Mahaska county with his son, who entered government land there. Mr. Ross, Sr., passed away in that county when ninety years of age. Samuel Cole and Sarah Ross were married in Ohio in 1828 and in 1848 removed to Mahaska county, Iowa. The former entered government land and continued to farm his place until his death, which occurred on the 2d of January, 1880. His widow survived him for many years, dying in 1898 when about ninety years old. To their union were born ten children, five of whom survive. Four died in childhood.

Thomas R. Cole was the fifth in order of birth in this family and was reared upon the homestead in Mahaska county, as he was but ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal there. He was given a common-school education and was carefully trained in the work of the farm. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and served with his command until the close of the war, holding the rank of sergeant when discharged. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Marks Mill and for ten months was confined at Tyler, Texas. After being given his freedom on the 25th of February, 1865, he was granted a furlough. He afterward returned to the army and remained with his command until the close of hostilities. Among the battles in which he participated were those of Fort Pemberton, Helena, Little Rock, Elkinsford, Prairie De Anne, Camden and Marks Mill, where he was captured. After his return to the life of a civilian he attended school and taught for nine years. In 1874 he opened a store in Lovilia, Iowa, and subsequently located in Bussey. In 1878 he went to Marysville,

where he established a general store and drug store, which he conducted for thirty-three years. At the end of that time, or in 1911, he located in Knoxville, where he has since lived retired, as, in his long years of connection with merchandising, he had acquired a competence.

Mr. Cole was married on the 18th of March, 1875, to Miss Luella Clark, a daughter of P. R. and Frances Ruby (Deveraux) Clark, who in 1851 came to this state from Ohio. Her father was a physician, but in his later life abandoned that profession and turned his attention to mercantile business. To Mr. and Mrs. Cole has been born a son, Thomas R., who is cashier of the Buxton Savings Bank at Buxton, Iowa. He married Alice Tucker and has a son, Thomas R., who is a child three years of age.

Mr. Cole of this review was for a number of years a member of the Masonic order, but withdrew from that organization. He wears proudly the little bronze button which indicates his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a comrade of John T. Ferguson Post. He is an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church and in his daily life endeavors to practice the teachings of Christianity. He votes for the candidates of the republican party and has been prominent in political councils. He was always diligent in business and in investing his capital displayed good judgment and now has his reward, as he has an assured income. He makes and retains friends and is highly respected wherever known.

LABAN HODGSON.

Laban Hodgson is a well known and enterprising farmer and stock-raiser of Swan township, owning seven hundred acres of land on sections 26, 35 and 36. His home stands on section 35 and there he has made many substantial improvements. He has been a life-long resident of the county, his birth having occurred November 20, 1869, a mile east of his present home. He is a son of the late Isaac Hodgson, one of the pioneer settlers and prosperous farmers of the county, who passed away in 1914 and who is mentioned at length on another page of this work.

Laban Hodgson was reared and educated in this county and attended the public schools. He has always followed farming and stock-raising. He was carefully trained in business ways by his father and early began to work in the fields. He started out for

himself as a young man and about 1898 purchased his first tract of land, comprising sixty-seven acres, to which he has since added, while from his father he has also inherited some property until his holdings today embrace seven hundred acres. He is busily engaged in the further development and operation of his farm, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He has good buildings upon the place and all modern equipments in the way of well kept fences and the latest improved machinery. His farm work embodies the most modern methods of cultivating the soil and caring for the crops and his success is gratifying.

On the 26th of November, 1891, Mr. Hodgson was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Williams, who was born and reared in this county, a daughter of Frank T. Williams, of Pleasantville. They have become the parents of four children: Oscar, twenty-one years of age, who is attending the State Agricultural College at Ames; Wayne, who is assisting in the work of the home farm; Ethel, at school; and Forrest, who was born December 5, 1910.

Mr. Hodgson is a democrat in his political views, and his wife holds membership in the Christian church. They are both well known in the county and have an extensive circle of friends, for their social qualities have endeared them to many. Mr. Hodgson has always lived in the county and his acquaintance is wide, for he has long been recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of Swan township.

PELLA'S WEEKBLAD.

Pella's Weekblad has a large and representative circulation among the residents of Iowa and adjoining states who are of Dutch birth or ancestry, and is one of the leading papers in this section of the country printed in the Dutch language. It was established in 1861 by Henry Hospers, a prominent figure in the state at that time. About 1870 he sold the business to H. Neyenesch, who took charge June 20 of that year and conducted it until January 1, 1899, and then sold it to the Rev. H. Poot, who conducted it for thirteen months, when Mr. Neyenesch bought the paper again and conducted it until October 11, 1901. He then sold the subscription list to Jansma Brothers, who were the publishers of the Nieuwsblad, which they had established on the 10th of February, 1899. On the 11th of October, 1901, they combined the two papers, retaining the name of Pella's Week-

blad, as that was the older and better known publication. On the 28th of February, 1902, John Jansma died and his brother James continued to publish the paper until 1904, in which year H. F. Johnson, the present business manager, purchased a half interest. On New Year's day, 1909, Mr. Johnson and H. L. Boland bought James Jansma's interest in the paper and have remained its sole owners ever since.

Pella's Weekblad, as its name indicates, is published weekly and is an excellent paper of eight pages of six columns each. It is printed in the Dutch language and has a large circulation which is steadily increasing. Its editor, E. C. Varenkamp, is a man of broad learning, with an intimate knowledge of the life of the people in whose interests it is printed, and under his direction a high standard of journalism is maintained and at the same time it is popular in its appeal. The business phase of this publication is ably managed by H. F. Johnson and its finances are in excellent condition.

FRED P. GRANT.

Fred P. Grant is the owner of the only ice company in Knoxville and has developed his business to large proportions. He was born in New York state, at the foot of the Catskill mountains, on the 25th of February, 1846, a son of John F. and Mary M. (Miller) Grant. His paternal grandfather was General Grant, who was in command of militia from New York in the War of 1812. John F. Grant was a lumberman by occupation.

Fred P. Grant was taken to Pennsylvania by his parents when but ten years of age and lived there until his marriage. He then removed to New Jersey, where he resided until he came to Iowa, being superintendent of a lumber company in the east. In 1881 he came to Pella, this state, but late in the same year removed to Knoxville, where he started a creamery and conducted it until 1896. He then established the ice business of which he is still the owner. In the fall of 1913 a rival company was bought out and the Fred P. Grant Company now has the field to itself. It handles more than two thousand tons of ice per year and runs three or four wagons. The ice sold is natural ice and thirty-five men are employed in putting it up. Great care is exercised to prevent its contamination in any way, full weight is invariably given and the price is fair and reason-

able. William L. Grant, the son of our subject, is associated with his father in business.

Fred P. Grant was married in 1872 to Miss Millie M. Pellett, of Pennsylvania, a daughter of Calvin and Eunice Pellett. Her father devoted his life to the work of the farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Grant were born four children: William L.; Nellie A., at home; Carrie B., who married Homer Carpenter, a resident of Trinidad, Colorado; and Edna, at home. Mrs. Grant passed away on the 9th of June, 1910.

William L. Grant, who was born in New York state on the 24th of September, 1873, after completing the public-school course at Knoxville, became associated with his father in the ice business when a young man. From 1903 to 1906 he was deputy sheriff of the county, serving under Sheriff Bybee. At the expiration of his term of office he lived in Colorado for seven years, but in 1913 returned to Knoxville and purchased the Goodspeed ice business, which he consolidated with that of his father, and he has since been a member of the Fred P. Grant Ice Company. He married Kate Kimball of Knoxville. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor.

Fred P. Grant is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a republican in his political belief and has served as alderman from the third ward. He has been successful in business but has not allowed his private interests to take up his entire time, as he has always cooperated with those who have sought to promote the welfare of the community.

STEPHEN JENKINS.

Stephen Jenkins, who is a prosperous farmer residing two and a half miles south of Knoxville, is a son of the late Joshua Jenkins, who is mentioned at greater length elsewhere in this work. He was born upon the family homestead in Knoxville township, this county, on the 1st of September, 1863. Upon reaching the proper age he entered the public schools and after completing the course there became a student in an academy at Knoxville. Although he has devoted the greater part of his life to farming and stock-raising, for two years he conducted a grocery store at Knoxville. He now operates a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres on section 19, Knoxville township, which he owns and upon which he has made many improvements. His residence is modern in its appointments

and the buildings for the shelter of grain and stock are substantial and well adapted to their purpose. He uses the latest models of agricultural machinery and overlooks nothing the doing of which might add to the value of his farm or increase the efficiency of his work. In early manhood he spent a year in the west but decided that the advantages of his native county were equal to those offered elsewhere, and since returning he has remained a continuous resident of Marion county. He carries on general farming and stock-raising but pays special attention to the raising of Poland China hogs and shorthorn cattle.

On the 6th of February, 1887, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Zella Rogers, who passed away on the 31st of January, 1914, aged forty-eight years, two months and eleven days. She was born in this county on the 20th of November, 1865, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary Elizabeth (Ruffner) Rogers. Her father died on the 12th of September, 1905, and her mother is still living, making her home at Knoxville. To Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins was born a daughter, Mabel, who has completed the course in the local high school and is now at home.

Mr. Jenkins is a progressive democrat in his political affiliations and has held school office, as did his father, who was for many years secretary-treasurer of the school board. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, and willingly contributes of his time and means to the furtherance of its work. His practical knowledge of agriculture, coupled with his energy and good business judgment, has enabled him to win financial success in his chosen occupation and the straightforwardness and uprightness of his life have gained him many friends, who value highly his good opinion.

GEORGE W. SCHMIDT.

On the list of Marion county's honored dead appears the name of George W. Schmidt, who passed away on his home farm in Knoxville township on the 21st of September, 1900. He was numbered among the "boys in blue" of the Civil war and throughout his life manifested the same spirit of loyalty in the discharge of all duties of citizenship. At different periods he was connected with industrial and agricultural pursuits and ultimately became one of the substantial farmers of Marion county, his success being attributable entirely

to his well directed labors. A native of Ohio, he was born near Loudonville on the 29th of April, 1843, a son of Charles and Mary M. (Claus) Schmidt, who came to Marion county prior to the Civil war and spent their remaining days here as farming people. In their family were two sons and four daughters and of that number one daughter and one son are now deceased.

George W. Schmidt spent the first fifteen or sixteen years of his life in his native state and then came with his parents to Iowa, remaining upon the home farm until after the outbreak of the Civil war. He was but nineteen years of age when in 1862 he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company A of the Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served until the close of the war, and although he participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, he was never wounded. He suffered, however, from disease. When hostilities were ended he returned home with a creditable military record. In business he was successful notwithstanding the fact that he had to start out without capital. In early life he learned and followed the carpenter's trade, being identified with building operations for a number of years, but when his industry and economy had brought him a sufficient sum of money to purchase land he invested in eighty acres, was married and established a home of his own, after which he added to and improved his farm and was identified with general agricultural interests until his demise.

It was in October, 1870, that Mr. Schmidt wedded Miss Margaret J. Bridgen, who survives him and for the past two years has made her home at the Armstrong place on section 35, Knoxville township. She was born near Zanesville, Ohio, January 24, 1849, and was only about five years of age when her family removed to Marion county, her girlhood days being spent in a log cabin upon the home farm where she now resides. To Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt were born eight children, of whom one died in infancy, while seven are yet living: Ernest E., an agriculturist of Knoxville township; Mary M., the wife of John Rietvelt, who follows farming west of Knoxville; Katherine, at home; Fred, an agriculturist by occupation; Frank, who is engaged in farming in Knoxville township; Jessie, at home; and Horace, who is married and operates the old home place. Mrs. Schmidt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has many sterling qualities which have gained for her the warm friendship of those with whom she has been brought in contact.

Mr. Schmidt was a democrat in his political views, always giving stalwart support to the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He wore the little bronze

button which proclaimed him a member of the Grand Army of the Republic his local connection being with J. C. Ferguson Post. He greatly enjoyed meeting with his old army associates and they entertained for him warm regard. He was never neglectful of duty, whether in relation to his country, to his home locality or to his friends, and when he passed away on the old homestead in Knoxville township, September 21, 1900, genuine grief was felt on the part of many besides his immediate family. The greater part of his life had been passed in Marion county and those who knew him recognized the fact that he had many sterling traits of character.

THE KNOXVILLE EXPRESS.

For many years the Knoxville Express has been a factor in the formation of public opinion in Marion county and has given to its readers a clear and, as far as possible, accurate account of the happenings first in the county and second in the world at large. It was established under its present name in 1878 by Drewry Overton, who purchased the Marion County Democrat from J. L. McCormack and continued to publish it as the Knoxville Express. The Democrat was first issued September 5, 1865. The office and printing plant then occupied a frame building which stood south of the present site of the city hall, but the paper was later published on West Main street, after which removal was made to the east side of the square, over the store owned by Dickerson Brothers. In 1905 the owners of the paper erected a building a half block south of the Citizens National Bank and the paper has been published there ever since. The equipment is thoroughly up-to-date and the paper is typographically excellent as well as an interesting and reliable news sheet. It has a large advertising and subscription patronage and is one of the best and most prosperous weekly journals of this part of the state. The paper is democratic politically and stanchly advocates the principles of that organization.

Mr. Overton, who purchased it in 1878 and who gave it its present name, conducted it for but a week and then leased it to Miller & Gamble and others until December, 1884, when Casey & Steunenberg leased it and published it until New Year's day, 1887. Mr. Steunenberg then severed his connection with it and Mr. Casey conducted it until April, 1888. W. P. Gibson then became associated with Mr. Casey in its publication until New Year's day, 1891, when J. O.

Reaver bought out Mr. Gibson and was connected with Mr. Casey until January 1, 1900. At that time he sold out to C. W. Belville, who was Mr. Casey's partner until the 1st of March, 1914, when A. L. Sherman bought an interest in the publication. Mr. Sherman and Mr. Casey are the present owners of the paper. For more than thirty years the latter has been associated with the Express and its continued prosperity and consistent policy is due in great measure to his long connection with the paper and his ability and experience. Upon leaving Knoxville Mr. Steunenberg went to Idaho and there published the Caldwell Tribune. He was later a member of the constitutional convention, a member of the state legislature and governor of Idaho. His life came to an abrupt close as he was assassinated on the 30th of December, 1905.

J. B. LYMAN.

J. B. Lyman, vice president of the Iowa Savings Bank and thus prominently associated with financial interests in Marion county, was born in Liberty township, near Bussey, November 21, 1865, his parents being John Brown and Elizabeth A. (Munsell) Lyman, in whose family were seven children. The father came to this county in 1853 and laid out a part of the town of Hamilton, where he afterward conducted business as proprietor of a hotel. In the early '60s he turned his attention to farming, in which he continued until his death in 1883. His wife survived him for about sixteen years, passing away in 1899, and both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Marysville. Mr. Lyman was active in local politics and was greatly interested in public affairs. He was a delegate to various county conventions of the republican party and held a number of local offices, in which he discharged his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He made a most creditable record as an official, was a helpful pioneer settler and a progressive and valuable citizen.

J. B. Lyman, reared in this county, attended the public schools and in the year 1883, when eighteen years of age, went to Tracy. He worked in a general store and in 1887 he formed a partnership with Henry Munsell for the establishment of a general mercantile business, his mother also becoming a partner therein. The business was continued by them until L. T. Marsh succeeded Mr. Munsell. He was then a partner of Mr. Lyman for twelve years, at the end of

which time the firm became Lyman & Rouze, so continuing until 1906, when Mr. Lyman sold out. The Iowa Savings Bank was organized in 1903 with a capital of twelve thousand dollars, Mr. Lyman being cashier until 1912, when he became vice president. The original directors were O. L. Wright; W. T. Smith and Samuel H. Doughman, both now deceased; J. B. Lyman; S. S. Hogate, now deceased; E. E. Rouze; and R. I. Garden. The first officers were: W. T. Smith, president; O. L. Wright, vice president; J. B. Lyman, cashier; and F. W. Lyman, assistant cashier. Owing to the death of the president in December, 1905, Samuel H. Doughman became the head of the institution and so continued until his death in October, 1911. Soon thereafter O. L. Wright became president and Mr. Lyman succeeded him in the vice presidency, while F. W. Lyman has become the cashier. The bank occupied a small building until 1912 and then removed to its present commodious quarters. The business has grown and prospered under safe management and as cashier and vice president Mr. Lyman has contributed in no small measure to its success. Mr. Lyman is a member of the firm of Hogate & Lyman, real-estate and grain dealers, owning and operating elevators and scales at Tracy and several other nearby points. J. B. and son, F. W. Lyman, also conduct a general insurance business, handling a large volume of business in that line. Associated with two other gentlemen, E. C. Hogate and E. E. Rouze, Mr. Lyman is owner of some twelve hundred acres of improved land, mainly in Iowa.

On the 13th of March, 1890, Mr. Lyman was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna (Hogate) Moore, and to them have been born two sons, while there is one son by a former marriage. The three sons are: Mark Moore, living at Moberly, Missouri; F. W., in the bank; and Harold, who is in the Kemper Military School in Boonville, Missouri. Mrs. Lyman was born in Clay township, this county, November 16, 1864, a daughter of S. S. and Melissa (Rouze) Hogate, who came to Iowa in 1863 from Decatur county, Indiana. Mr. Hogate was a prominent farmer, buyer, shipper and raiser of stock. His wife having died April 29, 1898, at the age of sixty-three years, he removed from the farm to Tracy in 1903 and there passed away on the 27th of December, 1910, at the age of seventy-seven years. Both were prominent Methodists and took a very active part in church work. For some years he was interested in the grain business in Tracy, being associated with his son-in-law, Mr. Lyman. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hogate were nine children, namely: Powers K., born July 25, 1855, is now successfully engaged in the

livery business in Tracy and also owns a farm in this county. William W., born September 17, 1857, died June 12, 1878. Lewis K., born April 23, 1859, makes his home in Monte Vista, Colorado, being a grain dealer in the San Luis Valley. Ella, born June 3, 1861, is the wife of W. E. Sherwood, a stock dealer of Knoxville, Iowa. Anna, now Mrs. Lyman, is the next in order of birth. Mary, born February 5, 1867, died February 18, 1887. Edward Clark is mentioned on another page of this volume. Myrtle, born July 21, 1870, died July 22, 1871. Eva, born October 8, 1872, is the wife of James M. Brubaker, of Blue Springs, Nebraska. Mrs. Lyman was first married May 7, 1885, becoming the wife of Dr. Mark Brock Moore, who died September 30, 1887. By that union there was one son, Mark Hogate, who was born December 20, 1887. Dr. Moore was born in Iroquois county, Illinois, August 19, 1859, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Marion county, Iowa, in 1864. He was educated at Central University in Pella and attended medical lectures at Drake University, Des Moines, being graduated from the latter institution February 25, 1885. He practiced for a short time at Gosport, Iowa, and then removed to Greeley county, Kansas, where his death occurred. Mrs. Lyman is a very prominent and active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and Sabbath school and also in the Eastern Star and temperance organizations, being a leader in whatever she becomes interested.

Mr. Lyman is a prominent Mason in Iowa, serving as an officer of the grand lodge in 1913. He is also connected with the Eastern Star, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors and his religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His well spent life has ever commended him to the confidence and good-will of his fellow citizens and all with whom he has come in contact. He possesses many sterling traits of character and his career measures up to high standards of manhood and citizenship.

JACOB HAMMOND.

Jacob Hammond came to Marion county with his parents when a lad of nine years and throughout the intervening period of six decades he has resided continuously within its borders. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention throughout his active



JACOB HAMMOND



business career, but he is now living retired on his farm, still owning one hundred and fifty-three acres of land in Knoxville and Clay townships.

His birth occurred in Morrow county, Ohio, on the 11th of May, 1844, his parents being Jacob and Elizabeth (Reesner) Hammond, the former a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. They removed to Ohio in an early day, settling on a farm which the father hewed out of the timber and erecting a log cabin which was the family home for several years. In 1854 they came to Iowa, making the journey overland in a covered wagon and arriving in Marion county on the 18th of July. Jacob Hammond, Sr., purchased and entered more than four hundred acres of land, and during the first two years of their residence here the family lived in an old cabin fourteen by sixteen feet. They underwent all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life and experienced much discomfort in their rude cabin home, their beds being sometimes covered with six inches of snow in the winter. However, they lived to witness and enjoy a marvelous transformation as the country became more thickly settled and was developed, and Mr. and Mrs. Hammond remained in Marion county until called to their final rest, when the community lost two of its earliest and most esteemed residents. To them were born eleven children, four of whom still survive.

Jacob Hammond of this review pursued his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. Subsequently he cultivated a rented farm for four years and then purchased property, carrying on agricultural pursuits continuously and successfully throughout the remainder of his active business career. He owned considerable land at one time but has sold all except one hundred and fifty-three acres, part in Knoxville and part in Clay townships, where he is now enjoying honorable retirement. Prosperity attended his efforts and has enabled him to do well by his children, two of his sons receiving ten thousand dollars each with which to buy property.

In 1866 Mr. Hammond was united in marriage to Miss Nancy P. Beard, a native of Virginia and a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Ray) Beard, who were also born in that state. They came to Marion county, Iowa, in 1853, and here spent the remainder of their lives. To Mr and Mrs. Hammond were born nine children, five of whom are yet living, as follows: John A., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; Mary J., the wife of George Rose; Ella U., who gave her hand in marriage to Samuel Cooley; O. B.; and

Herman. The wife and mother died on the 21st of November, 1909, and was laid to rest in the Zion cemetery.

In his political views Mr. Hammond is a staunch republican and for twenty-two years he held the office of school treasurer, making a most creditable and commendable record in that connection. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he has always taken an active and helpful part and to which his wife also belonged. He has done his share and more than his share in promoting agricultural development in Marion county and has attained individual success through his own efforts, always following the principle to do well whatever he found to do. He has been interested in the general growth of his district and county and has led a busy and useful life, having done as much toward promoting the common interests as he has in furthering his own fortunes.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN ANDREWS.

William Franklin Andrews, of Knoxville township, has contributed to the development of the live-stock industry in this county as a breeder of Duroc-Jersey hogs. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of fine land six miles southwest of Knoxville and his property is one of the well improved places of his township. He was born near Newbern, this county, on the 23d of December, 1861, a son of the late Hiram Andrews, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Andrews of this review has one sister, Eva, the wife of James Pugh, of Omaha, Nebraska.

In the schools of Spring Hill William Franklin Andrews acquired his scholastic education and supplemented this with practical training in agriculture, as he assisted his father with the work of the home farm. He remained under the parental roof until 1884, when he was married and began farming upon his own account. Success has rewarded his efforts and since 1901 he has resided upon his present quarter section of land, which is situated on section 34 Knoxville township, and is finely improved. In 1910 he built a residence which has all of the modern conveniences and is one of the best farm houses of the county. He devotes his entire attention to his agricultural pursuits and makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey hogs, his stock bringing high prices on the market.

Mr. Andrews was married in 1884 to Miss Amanda Fortner, a daughter of the late Samuel Fortner, a pioneer resident of this county. She was born on the 30th of November, 1859, in Indiana, but was brought here in early childhood. In this county she grew to womanhood and here her marriage occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have one daughter living, Amy, the wife of Albert Dykstra, who is a resident of Osage, Saskatchewan, Canada. He is engaged in wheat raising upon an extensive scale, his annual yield being many thousand bushels. In connection with his brother he owns three hundred acres, but they operate altogether more than two sections of land. Mr. and Mrs. Dykstra have a son, Frank A., who was born on the 31st of December, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews lost two daughters, who died in infancy. He is a republican and his fraternal connections are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, while his wife and daughter are both affiliated with the Rebekahs. Mr. Andrews and his wife are members of the Concord Methodist Episcopal church and all who know them bear testimony to the sincerity of their religious belief, as their lives are guided by the principles of Christianity.

FRED G. JONES.

Fred G. Jones, a successful and progressive representative of mercantile interests in Marion county, is the proprietor of a general store at Bussey, conducting one of the best and most extensive establishments of the kind in the town. His birth occurred in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 23d of September, 1875, his parents being Walter N. and Anna (Wycoff) Jones, who were born, reared and married in Illinois. In 1868 they took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Mahaska county, Iowa, and for many years were identified with its progress and development. The father passed away on the 22d of June, 1899, but the mother survives and now makes her home with our subject. Their children were nine in number.

Fred G. Jones acquired his education in the common schools and when still young in years began providing for his own support. In 1896 he embarked in business as a merchant of Bussey, where he has since built up an extensive and gratifying patronage as proprietor of a general store and meat market. He carries a stock valued at about eight thousand dollars and in all his dealings is strictly honorable.

enjoying a well merited reputation as one of the reliable, progressive and substantial business men of the community.

On the 23d of December, 1896, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Mehanna, her parents being A. R. and Jessie (Clancy) Mehanna, who in the spring of 1857 took up their abode among the pioneer residents of Marion county. The father has since taken a prominent and active part in local affairs of importance and is widely recognized as a valued and influential citizen. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born four children, namely: Walter Nelson, Dorothy, Helen and Clifford, all yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Jones is a staunch republican in his political views and deeply interested in public affairs, yet has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Red Men, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World and the Yeomen, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. The success which has attended his undertakings well entitles him to recognition among the representative citizens of this county, and his many sterling traits of character have won him the warm friendship and kindly regard of those with whom he has come in contact.

J. A. HAMMOND.

J. A. Hammond is a well known farmer and stockman of Marion county, engaged extensively in the breeding of shorthorn cattle and standard Poland China hogs. He is the owner of a valuable property of two hundred and seventy-three acres on sections 14, 23 and 24, Knoxville township, and the excellent appearance of his place indicates his careful supervision and practical and progressive methods.

He is numbered among the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred in Clay township, March 10, 1873, his father being Jacob Hammond, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. His youthful days were spent in his native township and his entire life has been passed in Clay and Knoxville townships. He attended the district schools and was reared to the occupation of farming and stock-raising, becoming familiar with those pursuits when a youth. As the years have passed on experience has broadened his knowledge and promoted his capability, and his success is the merited re-

ward of persistent, earnest purpose and honorable effort. He has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and annually harvests large crops of corn and other cereals for which the soil is specially adapted. He makes the breeding and raising of stock an important feature of his business and in his pastures and feed lots may be found excellent specimens of high grade shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, the sale of which adds materially to his income.

On the 10th of February, 1897, Mr. Hammond was united in marriage to Miss Oda May Loynachan, a daughter of the late Edward Loynachan, who died September 3, 1906, and who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Hammond was born and reared in Clay township and completed her education by study in Highland Park College at Des Moines. Three children have been born of this marriage, namely: Clarence Elmer, whose birth occurred August 22, 1899; Arthur Lee, born April 1, 1902; and Forest Dale, whose natal day was March 10, 1906. All are still under the parental roof and are attending school.

Politically Mr. Hammond is an earnest republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party as factors in good government. He has never sought nor desired political office, however, and the only public position he has held has been that of member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He has always preferred to give his attention to his business affairs, and in addition to his farming interests he is acting as president of the Victory Mutual Telephone Company. Fraternally he is connected with both the subordinate lodge and the encampment of the Odd Fellows at Durham, and in religious faith both he and his wife are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. Theirs is an attractive home situated in the midst of a finely improved farm, and its hospitality is greatly enjoyed by a large circle of warm friends.

THE KNOXVILLE NATIONAL BANK.

The Knoxville National Bank was organized in 1871 by A. W. and S. L. Collins, Larkin Wright, E. B. Woodruff, A. J. Briggs and others, Mr. Wright becoming the president. This was the first national bank of Knoxville and was capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Wright was succeeded in the presidency by A. W. Collins in 1872 and he was followed by E. H. Amos. The next president was J. S. Cunningham, who remained as the head of

the institution until his death, which occurred in March, 1911, when J. B. Elliott, the former cashier, succeeded to the presidency and so continues. The first cashier was A. J. Briggs, who remained in that position until 1882. H. L. Bousquet was cashier for part of a year, from April until the succeeding January, J. B. Elliott becoming the incumbent of the office in January, 1884, and continuing in that position until his election to the presidency in 1911. Mr. Cunningham was vice president from 1871 until elected to the presidency, when his son, C. C. Cunningham, succeeded him in the vice presidency. When Mr. Elliott became president of the bank in 1911 J. J. Roberts, who had been assistant cashier for about a quarter of a century, was made cashier and is the present incumbent in that office. The bank adopted a safe conservative yet progressive policy at the outset that has always been maintained and thus the success of the institution was assured. In 1872 the present bank building was erected at the northwest corner of the square and is one of the business landmarks of the city. Every year the bank's statement has shown a growth in business and the Knoxville National Bank is today one of the strongest financial concerns of this part of the state.

JOHN CALVIN MITTEN, D. D. S.

Dr. John Calvin Mitten, of Pella, Iowa, is one of the successful dentists of that city and has a representative and lucrative practice. He was born in Newville, Pennsylvania, on the 12th of September, 1869, a son of David and Mary (Koch) Mitten, who were also natives of the Keystone state, the former born in Heggerstown in 1824, while the birth of the mother occurred in 1815. The father farmed in Pennsylvania for many years but eventually retired and passed his last years in ease at Carlisle. He died there in 1908, having survived the mother twelve years, as her demise occurred in 1896. They were married in Pennsylvania and to their union were born the following children: Mrs. Mary Logan, Alfred, Mrs. Helen Hemmenger, William, Frank, James, Robert and John Calvin.

Dr. John C. Mitten was educated in Pennsylvania and after graduating from the Newville high school took a three years' course in the Shippensburg Academy. For one year he studied in the Dental College of the University of Pennsylvania and for two years was a student in the University of Iowa at Iowa City. After completing his dental course he practiced at Columbus Junction, Iowa, for

five years and then took post-graduate work in Haskill's Post-Graduate School of Chicago. He returned to Columbus Junction and remained there for twelve more years but in 1903 came to Pella and opened an office. In 1911 he took Dr. Lankelma into partnership and they are today one of the leading dental firms in the county. Dr. Mitten has erected a comfortable residence in Pella and stands high in the community.

On the 17th of December, 1902, the Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Anderson, a daughter of Charles and Emma (Parkin) Anderson. Her father was born in Ohio in 1850 and her mother in Washington, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburg, in January, 1853. She is still living and resides in Cedar Rapids, but Mr. Anderson passed away in 1897. They were married in Ainsworth, Iowa, both having come to this state at an early age. To their union were born four children: Gertrude, now Mrs. Mitten, whose birth occurred on the 4th of September, 1879; Charles O.; Winifred V.; and Donald J. Mrs. Mitten was educated in Lenox, Iowa, and resided at home until her marriage. She and Dr. Mitten have two children, Harry and Charles, both attending school.

The Doctor is a republican and has been a delegate to county conventions of his party. For six years he served as a councilman in Columbus Junction and has always taken a keen interest in local government. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Rathbun Sisters, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masons. Mrs. Mitten is a member of the local chapter of the P. E. O., and both belong to the Second Reformed church of Pella, being active in support of all good causes. Professionally Dr. Mitten holds the confidence of the public and the respect of his colleagues and in the private relations of life has always shown himself to be a man of high standards of honor.

THE PELLA OVERALL COMPANY.

One of the most prosperous industrial concerns of Pella is the Pella Overall Company, which in the seven years of its existence has grown rapidly and steadily. It was organized in September, 1907, and now manufactures several thousand dozen garments per year and employs thirty-three people regularly. Its present officers are: H. J. Vanden Berg, Jr., president; Y. T. Van Niewaal, vice president; J. D. Gaass, secretary and treasurer; and J. W. Boyd,

manager; and its directorate is composed of the following men: Y. T. Van Niewaal, H. D. Wormhoudt, J. P. Klein, James G. Vander Pol, H. J. Vanden Berg, Jr., A. T. Klein, A. Waechter, G. G. Gaass and H. S. Keables. It manufactures the Dutch brand of overalls, coats and pants and sells its product over Iowa, Missouri and South Dakota, although its brand is most widely known in this state. Two traveling salesmen are upon the road constantly and its goods are being introduced in new territory. As the garments are hygienically made, are of high quality and will stand an unusual amount of hard wear, when trade is once secured it is permanent. The factory building is twenty-five by seventy-five feet in dimensions and the Pella Overall Company occupies all three floors. Its equipment is modern and adequate and its present output is several thousand dozen garments annually. Its stock is a profitable investment, and the company is also of service to the entire community, as it contributes in no small degree to the prosperity of the city and as its goods advertise the city over a constantly increasing territory.

GEORGE S. HOLLINGSHEAD.

George S. Hollingshead, engaged in general farming and stock-raising, owns and operates one hundred and seventy-five acres of land in Knoxville township and in addition is engaged in the further cultivation of a rented farm. In the conduct of his business affairs he is associated with his son, G. Earl Hollingshead, and the firm is well known in this section of the state.

George S. Hollingshead is a native of what is now the state of West Virginia, his birth having occurred November 6, 1845, in Marshall county ere the separation of West Virginia from the Old Dominion. His parents were Anthony and Sarah (Baker) Hollingshead, who left the south in 1853 and became residents of Iowa. From March until August of that year they remained in Des Moines county and then removed to Van Buren county, where they lived until after the Civil war. In 1873 they came to Marion county, establishing their home upon a farm in Clay township, and a number of years later they took up their abode in the village of Durham, where the father resided until his death. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Hollingshead, had passed away in 1862, leaving a family of six children, of whom five yet survive, namely: Allen A., a resident of Seattle, Washington; William, who is in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington &

Quincy Railroad and makes his home at Ravenna, Nebraska; Mrs. Jennie Funk and Mrs. Mary A. Pumphrey, who are residents of Ottumwa, Iowa; and George S., of this review. One son, Samuel, was killed in a runaway accident in the state of Washington, where he had engaged in teaching for several years. After losing his first wife Anthony Hollingshead was married again, his second union being with Elizabeth Campbell, who died at Durham, this county, leaving three children: Charles and Gaines, both now deceased; and Sarah, who resides with her brother, George S. The father was a republican in his political views but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him as he always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his farming and stock-raising interests, in which he won a creditable and gratifying success.

From the age of nine years George S. Hollingshead has lived in Iowa, and he possesses the spirit of enterprise and progress which has characterized the development and upbuilding of this state. In 1863, when a youth of but seventeen years, he offered his services to the government and joined Company G of the Third Iowa Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the Civil war, participating in a number of hotly contested engagements which led up to the final victory that crowned the Union arms. He was never wounded, however, and was honorably discharged on the 9th of August, 1865. Upon his return home he resumed the occupation of farming and cleared a tract of fifty-three acres, to which he has added from time to time as his financial resources have increased until he is now the owner of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Knoxville township, constituting one of its carefully cultivated and well improved farms. He has still further extended the scope of his activities by renting a farm and has now admitted his son, G. Earl, to a partnership in the business.

On the 3d of May, 1871, Mr. Hollingshead was united in marriage to Miss Mary Agnes Templeton, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 17, 1851, a daughter of James and Sarah (Campbell) Templeton. They removed to Iowa in the spring of 1853, settling in Van Buren county, where the father passed away several years later. He had visited Marion county about 1852 and had entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, it being his intention to some day locate thereon, but he was taken ill and passed away in Van Buren county. The land is still in possession of the family, having been transferred but once. After losing her first husband Mrs. Templeton became the wife of Orr Gilchrist and with him removed to Marion county in 1869. Here they spent their remaining

days, Mr. Gilchrist dying about 1885, while his widow survived until 1910 and passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. She had two children by her first marriage, Mary Agnes and Robert. The latter passed away in Anaconda, Montana, about 1905. By her second marriage Mrs. Gilchrist had two children, one of whom survives, N. G. Gilchrist, who is a resident of Marion county. Mrs. Hollingshead was reared in Van Buren county but was married at her present home in 1871 and by this marriage has become the mother of three sons. Emmet T., of Knoxville, married Ola Wright and they have four children. Oakes, a resident farmer of Knoxville township, wedded Mattie Sherwood, by whom he has two children. G. Earl, who is his father's partner, married Edith Bruere and they have two children.

Mr. Hollingshead has made all of the improvements upon his farm and has a valuable property supplied with all modern equipments and comforts. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and fraternally he is connected with John C. Ferguson Post, G. A. R. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. For more than six decades he has been a resident of Marion county and there are few who can claim a longer connection with this section of the state. He has noted the many changes which have occurred and has ever borne his part in the work of general development, being especially active along agricultural lines and thus aiding in winning for the state the splendid reputation which Iowa bears in connection with agricultural development. In matters of citizenship he has always been progressive and is as true and loyal to his country today as when he followed the old flag upon the battlefields of the south.

THE GUARANTY BANK.

The banks of Knoxville are ably managed and possess the confidence of the community and the Guaranty Bank receives a gratifying share of the banking business transacted in the city. Its doors were opened on the 1st of October, 1909, and its first administrative officers were George W. Crozier, president; Thomas Nace, vice president; N. F. Miller, cashier; and R. C. Nace, assistant cashier. It was at that time located one door west of the postoffice, but is now housed in its new building on the west side of the square on Main street.

The structure was finished on New Year's Day, 1914, and is modern in all respects. It has a handsome front and the equipment for banking is one of the best in Knoxville. The banking room is lighted by skylights and the vault is the finest and most secure in the county. The upper floor is given up to offices. It is a private institution owned by a copartnership of twenty-six responsible and representative men. It offers its depositors ample security and in the past year the total sum of deposits subject to check has almost doubled. The officials at the present time (1915) are Geo. W. Crozier, president; Thomas Nace, vice president; E. R. Jordan, cashier; and Roy Walker, assistant cashier. Its policy is a progressive one and its continued prosperity and growth is assured.

H. M. FISK.

One of the well known residents of Pella is H. M. Fisk, who has built up a large business as a ditch contractor. He was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1844, the third of a family of six children, whose parents were Henry C. and Julia A. (Stites) Fisk. The father was born in England in 1809 and the mother in Ohio in 1814. They were married in the Buckeye state and in 1840 removed to Jefferson county, Iowa, where they remained until 1859, in which year they established their home in Marion county. Mr. Fisk died in Pella in 1893 and his widow passed away in that city in 1895.

H. M. Fisk became a student in the district schools of Marion county and at the same time received valuable training under his father's instructions, learning the methods of practical agriculture. In 1861, when but a youth of seventeen years, he enlisted in Company I, Tenth Iowa Infantry, and was at the front for three years and two months. He was wounded in the battle of Champion's Hill and took part in numerous other engagements. When peace had been made he returned to this county and farmed for a few years, after which he turned his attention to other lines of work. He built the first tile factory in this state and conducted it successfully for several years. After selling out he went into the tile ditch contracting business and has since concentrated his energies upon that line of endeavor. He invariably fulfils his contract and the work is well done and completed in good time.

In 1865 Mr. Fisk married Mrs. Mahala Grover, the widow of James W. Grover. She was born in White county, Indiana, in 1844

and when a girl of twelve accompanied her parents to this state. Mr. and Mrs. Fisk have three daughters: Mrs. Caroline Bell Haven, of Sheridan, Wyoming; Mrs. Emma Clutter, who lives in Pukwana, South Dakota; and Mrs. Edith Amburn, of Lenox, Iowa.

Mr. Fisk purchased his present residence in 1906 and has since much improved the place, remodeling the house and building barns. The property includes thirteen acres of fine land, which he cultivates and which adds quite a little to his annual income. He is a democrat in politics and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the American Secular Union and Freethought Federation. He is a director in the Citizens National Bank of Pella and his business ability commands the respect of his fellow citizens.

ASBURY SHERIDAN OVERTON.

Asbury Sheridan Overton is a well known farmer and stockman of Knoxville township who owns and cultivates two hundred acres of land on section 34, about seven miles southeast of the city of Knoxville. The farm presents a neat and attractive appearance and indicates the careful supervision and practical, progressive methods of Mr. Overton, who is one of the native sons of the county. He was born on the 24th of April, 1865, his father being Tyler Overton, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

The youthful days of Asbury S. Overton were spent on the old homestead where he was born, and between the ages of six and fifteen years he was a pupil in the district school not far from his home. He then started out to earn his living and since that time has depended entirely upon his own efforts. He has always followed the occupation to which he was reared, nor has he had any desire to make a change in his life work. More than a century ago George Washington said: "Farming is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man;" and it is to this line of labor that Mr. Overton has directed his efforts. In the spring of 1902 he took up his abode upon his present farm, comprising two hundred acres of rich and productive land on section 34, Knoxville township, pleasantly and conveniently located about seven miles southeast of Knoxville. Upon it are found fine modern improvements. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and for about ten years was engaged largely in the raising of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle but sold his herd in 1897. For a long period he has bred Shropshire sheep and is still a mem-

ber of the Shropshire Breeders' Association. Sound judgment has characterized all of his business undertakings and energy and enterprise have led him constantly forward toward the goal of success.

In 1902 Mr. Overton was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Bender, who was born in Knoxville in 1879 and was here reared. She is a daughter of Charles and Mary (Welsh) Bender. Her father came to Marion county in the fall of 1872 and for forty-two years was a resident of this part of the state, his death occurring September 28, 1914, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His widow, who was born in Marion county, still resides here at the age of sixty-four years, her home being in Knoxville. In the Bender family were four children, three of whom reached adult age: Mrs. Jessie Miller, living in Knoxville township; James Calvin, a farmer who is married and resides in Oklahoma; and Mrs. Overton. To Mr. and Mrs. Overton have been born seven children, as follows: Lois, who is eleven years of age; Maria, ten years old; Marion, Karl, Wayne and Merle, who are nine, seven, five and four years of age respectively; and Charles, whose natal day was November 1, 1913.

Politically Mr. Overton is a republican and broad reading and deep thought keep him in touch with the significant political problems of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. He does not seek nor desire office, however. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church and both are highly esteemed, having many warm friends in the community where they have always lived. Those who know them speak of them in terms of high regard and they are representative residents of Knoxville township.

E. A. JOHNSON.

E. A. Johnson, the efficient cashier of the Bank of Bussey, was born in Liberty township, this county, March 9, 1867, and is a son of John B. and Eleanor (Schee) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They were married, however, in Marion county, Iowa, in April, 1866, and their family numbered five children, four of whom are yet living, namely: E. A., of this review; Minta, the wife of Dr. W. E. Sanders, practicing in Des Moines; Valetta, who married J. W. Milne, also of Des Moines; and Charles A., who resides in Council Bluffs. The fourth child of the family, Viola, died at the age of twenty-two years. The parents are still living and reside in Des

Moines. The father came to Marion county in 1865 and the mother in 1846. John B. Johnson engaged in farming in Liberty township and for an extended period carried on general agricultural pursuits and the raising of graded stock. He ranked with the progressive agriculturists of the community and it was with deep regret that his fellow townsmen saw him leave this county to become a resident of Des Moines. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, but he has never sought nor held office. In 1894 he retired from active business life and at that time took up his abode in Bussey, where he lived until 1906, when he removed to the capital city.

In his youthful days E. A. Johnson attended the public schools and afterward became a student in Penn College at Oskaloosa, in which he pursued a two years' course. On the expiration of that period he returned home and in January, 1889, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Knapp, a daughter of Wright and Ophelia (Shope) Knapp. In their family were eleven children, four of whom reached adult age, while three still survive. The parents, however, are now deceased. The mother was a sister of Judge Shope, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of nine children: Olive, who is engaged in teaching in the Rock Rapids high school; Joseph A., who died when five years of age; Raymond, who died when an infant of two and a half months; Lambert, who died at the age of two years; Edith Marie, the wife of E. G. Doughman, a resident of Saskatchewan, Canada; Viola; Louis; James, who died at the age of three years; and Eleanor.

Mr. Johnson was reared to farm life but for some time has been closely and actively identified with banking interests in this county and is now cashier of the Bank of Bussey, which was organized in August, 1892, with James Schee, of Lincoln, Nebraska, as the president and Anna B. Johnson as assistant cashier. The stockholders are: Asa Johnson, C. Fergus, J. B. Johnson, of Des Moines, and Fred C. McMillan, of Des Moines. The bank has a paid up capital of fifteen thousand dollars. The business has grown continuously until the assets aggregate two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The success of the institution is largely attributable to Mr. Johnson, who has been the active manager of the business and who in controlling the Bank of Bussey has kept in touch with the most modern and progressive financial methods.

In his political views Mr. Johnson has always been a stalwart republican and is interested in public affairs, cooperating in many movements which have for their object the welfare and upbuilding of the community. He belongs to the Odd Fellows society and the

American Yeomen, and in his religious views is a Methodist. His has been a well spent life. Active and enterprising, he brooks no obstacles that can be overcome by persistent and earnest effort and the integrity of his business methods is above question.

WILLIAM A. BANKS.

William A. Banks, a well known farmer, owning and operating three hundred and sixty-five acres of land in Knoxville township, was born in Danbury, Connecticut, November 25, 1863, a son of John and Cynthia (Judson) Banks. The father was born in Westmead, near Dublin, Ireland, of Scotch and English parentage, but was brought to New York city when a child of three years. He grew to manhood there and subsequently resided for a time in Zanesville, Ohio. In 1860 he was married in Connecticut and not long afterward removed to Marion county, Iowa. He had first visited this county in 1854 and was very favorably impressed with its opportunities at that time. He continued to reside here after the removal of the family to this county until his death in 1895. His widow survived for a number of years, her demise occurring in 1909. They were members of the Separatist church, a dissenting organization which withdrew from the Episcopal church. He was a republican in politics and held a number of local offices, including that of trustee. His agricultural activities returned to him a good income and he was one of the substantial men of his community. Much of the land which he owned was purchased for a dollar and a quarter per acre as he was far-sighted enough to take advantage of the low price of land prevailing here in the '60s. In 1849 he went to California, where he spent three years, and had many interesting experiences.

Seven children were born to John and Cynthia Banks, William A. being the second in order of birth. The next youngest died in infancy and the others are as follows: John Edward, a civil engineer, who after graduating from the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts at Ames took a course at Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, and is now a minor official of the American Bridge Company, stationed at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Alfred J., a graduate of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts; Clara J., who makes her home with the subject of this review; Sarah, a resident of Denver, Colorado; and Charles, who resides with his brother, William A., and is associated with him in business.

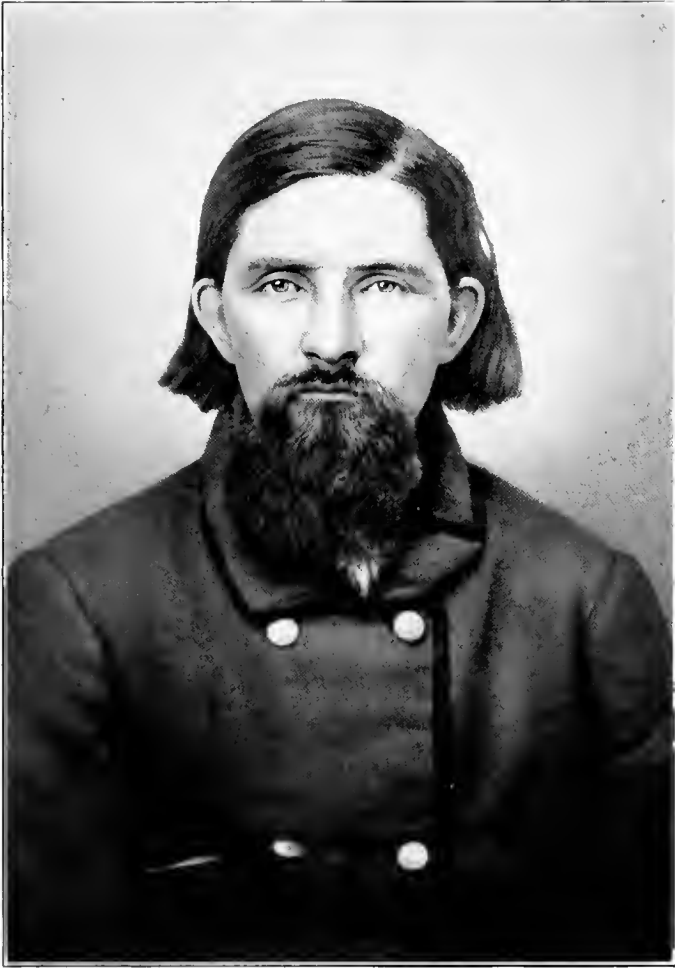
William A. Banks was reared in this county, as were all of his brothers and sisters, and attended the common schools. In his boyhood and youth he received valuable training in agriculture through assisting his father and since coming to years of maturity has continued to follow that occupation. In addition to cultivating the fields he raises full blooded Polled Angus cattle and the sale of his grain and stock yields him a good income annually. The farm comprises three hundred and sixty-five acres and its value is increased by its favorable location, as it is about six miles from the city of Knoxville. Everything about the place is kept in excellent repair, the fertility of the soil is conserved by wise methods of cultivation and the latest machinery is employed in the farm work.

Mr. Banks is a republican and has acceptably served as trustee of Knoxville township, looking after the business of the township as carefully as if it were his own. His membership in the Plymouth Presbyterian church of Knoxville township indicates his religious belief.

THOMAS GULLION.

On the list of Marion county's honored dead appears the name of Thomas Gullion, who for an extended period was prominently and actively connected with agricultural interests in Indiana township, his labors bringing to him a substantial measure of success. He early recognized the eternal principle that industry wins and industry became the beacon light of his life. No matter how difficult the task which confronted him he accomplished it, for he was resolute, determined and persevering, and above all things he was thoroughly honorable in his business dealings.

Indiana numbered him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in that state, June 17, 1829, his parents being Jeremiah and Rebecca (McGrew) Gullion, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. They removed to Indiana at an early day and in the '40s came to Marion county, Iowa, arriving here before the admission of the state into the Union. This section was still largely undeveloped and unimproved, in fact, there were very few white settlers. The forests were uncut, the prairies uncultivated, the streams unbridged, and only here and there was to be seen the little cabin of the settler, showing that the seeds of civilization were being planted.



THOMAS GULLION

The father secured land which he converted into a productive farm, upon which both he and his wife spent their remaining days.

Thomas Gullion was a youth in his early teens when the family came to Iowa and he shared with them in all of the hardships, trials and privations incident to pioneer life when neighbors lived miles apart and when farm work was very arduous, for there was none of the modern machinery of the present day. After reaching man's estate Mr. Gullion was united in marriage on the 1st of April, 1853, to Miss Hannah A. Simmons, who was born in Kane county, Illinois, a daughter of Benjamin and Frances (Sherwood) Simmons, both of whom were natives of Indiana. At an early day they removed to Illinois and in 1837 came to Iowa when this state was still a part of the territory of Wisconsin. They settled in Linn county, Mr. Simmons being the second man to pass the winter in that county. They secured a tract of land and he built a log cabin with a clap-board roof and a puncheon floor and door, from which hung the latchstring, usually on the outside. There was a mud and stick chimney and the only means of heating the cabin was the fireplace. After aiding in the pioneer development of Linn county Mr. Simmons again became identified with pioneer life, removing to the northwest and taking up his abode in Oregon in 1853. There he and his wife again took part in sowing the seeds of civilization in a wild district and their remaining days were spent in that state. In their family were twelve children, of whom five are yet living.

Following his marriage Mr. Gullion purchased three hundred acres of land in Indiana township and bent his energies to the development and improvement of the place. The opening of spring saw him at work in the fields and he carefully tilled the soil and cultivated the crops until the harvests were gathered in the late autumn. The methods which he followed were at once practical and progressive and brought gratifying results. He lived upon the farm until his death, which occurred in April, 1911.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gullion were born ten children: Margaret, now the wife of John Corkins; Rebecca, who married William Hall; Sarah, the wife of George Gruder; McClellan; Isaac J.; Danny, at home; John S.; and three who have passed away. After the demise of her husband Mrs. Gullion sold the home farm and purchased fifteen acres, where she now resides. This land is highly improved and to its further development and cultivation she gives her personal attention and supervision.

Mr. Gullion was a member of the Methodist Protestant church and his life was in harmony with its teachings. In politics he was

a democrat and always took an active interest in the questions and issues of the day but did not seek nor wish for office. He believed, however, it was the duty of every true American citizen to exercise his right of franchise in support of the principles in which he believed and he at all times manifested a public-spirited devotion to the general good. When death called him he was laid to rest in the Gullion cemetery, leaving a widow and seven children to mourn his loss.

PAULS LUMBER COMPANY.

The Pauls Lumber Company, with its home office in Washington, Iowa, has a well stocked lumberyard in Knoxville, of which Benjamin R. Beach is the manager. The yard has been established in the city for many years, in fact, is one of the oldest in Knoxville, but it has belonged to the Pauls Lumber Company only since January, 1908. Previous to that it was the property of the Anthes Lumber Company. Its founder was J. S. Bellamy, who incorporated the business in 1875. The present owners continue the liberal policies which made the yard successful in its early history and carry a full line of lumber of all kinds and various building materials. A large patronage is accorded them and the volume of their business is steadily increasing.

FRED FARLEY CARPENTER, M. D.

One of the popular and up-to-date physicians of Pella is Dr. Fred Farley Carpenter, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, October 28, 1869, a son of L. J. and Sarah (Rood) Carpenter. He resided there until he was a child of seven years and then accompanied his parents upon their removal to Jasper county, Iowa. The father practiced medicine at Galesburg until a few years ago, when he removed to Pella, where he has since been associated with the subject of this review. There are three sons in the family, the brothers of Dr. Carpenter being: Oscar, a physician of Sully, Iowa; and Frank, a physician of Jasper county, this state.

Dr. Fred F. Carpenter obtained his general education in the public schools and took his professional work at Drake University, from which he was graduated in 1897 with the degree of M. D. He served

for sixteen months in the United States army as hospital steward in the Philippines and subsequently practiced his profession in Galesburg, Iowa. About eight years ago he came to Pella, where he has since resided and where he has built up an enviable reputation as a physician of ability and conscientiousness. He has the confidence alike of the general public and of his professional colleagues and is considered one of the representative physicians of the county.

On the 30th of June, 1897, Dr. Carpenter married Miss Mina Pahre and to their union has been born a daughter, Freda, who is attending school. The Doctor is a democrat and takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, being well informed on all questions of general concern. His fraternal affiliations are with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and the Oskaloosa Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has won unusual success in his profession and has many warm personal friends who value his favorable opinion highly.

ELIPHALET BENTON RUCKMAN.

Eliphalet Benton Ruckman is a farmer residing on section 11, Union township, this county, and is well known and highly respected in his community. He was born in Barren County, Kentucky, on the 28th of April, 1837, and his parents, Amos and Amanda F. (Houck) Ruckman, named him after Thomas H. Benton, the great senator of Missouri, and Eliphalet Knott, a famous orator. His paternal grandfather was Isaiah Ruckman and his great-grandfather was Joseph Ruckman. Amos Ruckman was born in Barren county, Kentucky, on the 17th day of February, 1806, the youngest of twelve children, and received his education in Kentucky and Tennessee. In early life he farmed in Kentucky, where his marriage occurred in 1836, but, as he and his wife believed it wrong to hold slaves, they left that state and came to Iowa in 1852. They started on the 14th of October with two yoke of oxen and two horses. It was fine autumn weather and for a time they made good progress. They crossed the Ohio river at Shawneetown and from there went through the cypress swamps in what is now known as Egypt in southern Illinois. They experienced the varied fortunes of the road and while in the swamp encountered a severe storm. In Illinois Mr. Ruckman purchased another yoke of cattle, making three in all. It was the year of the campaign for Pierce and Scott and liberty poles

were seen in all the towns passed through. Before they reached their destination snow had fallen and the difficulties of travel increased. Their potatoes also froze. The family stopped near Keokuk, having crossed the river at that place. They were told that it was impossible to proceed farther on account of the rains, but the family continued on their way, however, by a devious route. They first went to Clark county, Missouri, thence to Bloomfield, Iowa, from which place they went to Drakesville, thence to Albia and then to Knoxville. They crossed White Breast creek on the 12th of December, 1852, just sixty days after they had started from Kentucky. They located on section 11, Union township, Marion county, where the father purchased one hundred and sixty-five acres of land. He used his oxen to break the first ground and energetically developed his property. As his resources increased he added to his possessions and became the owner of six hundred and forty acres of good land. He became well known in the county, was justice of the peace in Union township for four years and trustee for ten years. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. He was active in church work and was for some time clerk of the Baptist church in his locality. He passed away on the 26th of April, 1884, and in his demise the county lost a prominent pioneer farmer and a good citizen. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Miss Amanda F. Houck, was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Houck and was born in Kentucky on the 11th of May, 1812. She was educated in her native state and remained at home until her marriage. She was taught the art of weaving by a school teacher and as she was very ambitious became an expert weaver. The loom she used is now in possession of the subject of this review. She taught all of the women in the neighborhood the art and was famous as a housewife. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ruckman had three children: Eliphalet B., of this review; John Lewis, who was born September 17, 1838, and fell in battle at Jackson, Mississippi, during the Civil war while commanding his company, which was Company B, Third Iowa Infantry; and Joseph, who was born February 4, 1840, and was killed in battle before Jackson on the 12th of July, 1863. He was second lieutenant of the same company of which his brother was captain. Both were single. The mother of our subject died on the 30th of September, 1898.

Eliphalet B. Ruckman accompanied his parents to this state in 1852 and well remembers the erection of their home in 1853. It was made of logs and all of the work necessary in its construction was done by hand by members of the family. The rock to build the chimney was hauled from a nearby quarry and the father and sons

broke it into pieces of the required shape and size. The subject of this review attended the school taught by Captain William Blaine, which was the first free school in the county. He taught for three months when in his twentieth year, receiving twenty dollars a month and boarding with the parents of the children whom he taught. He had thirty-six pupils and among them were a number of girls almost grown. Two of them were planning to play a joke upon him and enjoy a laugh at his expense, but he turned the tables upon them and sent them from the room. They were highly indignant and took their belongings and went home. Their mother told him to whip them, but he did not. He subsequently entered Central University of Iowa at Pella and was a freshman in the scientific course there at the outbreak of the war. He left school and was never able to finish his course, as he was obliged to give his time to the work of the home farm for his two brothers had joined the Union army. After his father's death he succeeded to the ownership of the property, which comprises a quarter section of land on section 11, Union township. He does general farming and has been very successful in that occupation, gaining a competence which insures him comfort throughout his life.

Mr. Ruckman was united in marriage on the 17th of March, 1859, to Miss Charity Walker, a daughter of William and Mary (Teter) Walker. More detailed mention of the Teter family is found in the sketch of J. L. Teter, which appears elsewhere in this work. William Walker was the first male child born in Chillicothe, Ohio, and he resided there until April, 1857, when he came to Iowa, settling in Union township, this county. He farmed to some extent, but was a blacksmith and gunsmith and gave part of his attention to those trades. He was fairly successful in his farming and owned sixty-two acres of fertile land. He was also a musician of local note. He was an expert fifer and belonged to the Campbell Clan. He died two years after coming to this state, in 1859. His wife was born in Ross county, Ohio, and there their marriage occurred. To them were born five children, of whom Mrs. Ruckman was the youngest. Her birth occurred in Ross county, Ohio, October 30, 1841, and she died on the 25th of January, 1881. She was the mother of nine children: Robert Quintus, born December 20, 1859; Mary Elizabeth, who was born October 9, 1861, and became the wife of G. J. Jones; Eliza Jane, whose birth occurred on the 28th of December, 1863, and who married J. O. Rinehart; Hannah, who was born February 8, 1866, and died May 25, 1878; John Lewis, born January 25, 1868, who is a lawyer of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and is the representative of Brown

county in the state legislature, having been reelected in November, 1914; Joseph Independence, who was born on the 4th of July, 1870, and is a resident of Union township; Zacheus A., born April 4, 1873, who saw service in the Philippines and who married Bertha Love and resides in Red Rock; Martha S., who was born on the 29th of January, 1876, and is the wife of E. F. Carle; and William Clyde, born May 17, 1878, who married Miss Myrtle Moore and following her death was united in marriage to Miss Nellie D. Bellamy.

Mr. Ruckman is a republican and has held a number of local offices. He has been constable, trustee of his township, secretary of the school board, county surveyor, county supervisor and county auditor, and has been school director of sub-district No. 4 or Blaine district. He held office the greater part of the time for fifty-five years and has also served as a delegate to various county and state conventions of his party. For forty-one years he has been trustee of the Central University of Iowa at Pella. He is a Baptist in his religious belief and aids materially in the work of the church. He has lived in the county since pioneer times and has not only witnessed but has also furthered the development that has made this one of the most prosperous counties of the state.

HOMER ROUZE.

Homer Rouze owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Swan township. The place presents a neat and thrifty appearance and gives every indication of the careful supervision of a practical and progressive owner. Mr. Rouze was born at the old town of Wheeling, in Marion county, April 13, 1858, a son of A. W. and Sarah (Kavanagh) Rouze, who were married in Ohio and shortly afterward came to Iowa, settling at Wheeling, in Marion county. The father was a teacher and followed that profession for many years. He also followed farming in Swan township in his later years. He had probably taught for a longer period than any other representative of the profession in Marion county and he imparted with readiness and clearness to others the knowledge that he had acquired.

A. W. Rouze was born in the Buckeye state and was educated in Oberlin College. After removing to the west he taught in Wheeling and Pleasantville and also for a number of years in Warren county,

at Hartford, Palmyra and other places. He also secured land and improved a homestead, converting his place into a fine farm. The family at first lived in a log house but as the years passed it became possible for him to provide for them a more modern residence and supply them with many comforts of life. Removing to Swan, the family there resided for a number of years, or until the death of Mrs. Rouze in July, 1902, when she was more than seventy years of age. Mr. Rouze then returned to the old home farm, whereon he passed away April 24, 1912, when more than eighty-two years of age. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife held membership in the Christian church. He filled the office of justice of the peace for several years and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial, based upon the law and equity in the case. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he was at one time a candidate for the office of county treasurer. In the family of A. W. and Sarah Rouze were five children, besides the subject of this review: H. H., a farmer now living near Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mrs. Stella Moffatt, residing in Calhoun county, Iowa; Mrs. Sibyl Pyle, of Nebraska; William, who died at the age of sixteen years; and Albert, who died in infancy.

Homer Rouze was reared in Swan township, in which his birth occurred. His experiences were those which usually fall to the lot of the farm lad who divides his time between the duties of the school-room, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. He was married in this county March 13, 1884, to Miss Clara Spencer, who was born in Michigan, September 9, 1858, a daughter of John and Lucy (Abram) Spencer, who removed from Michigan to Indiana, where the mother died in 1862, leaving six children, of whom three are yet living: J. G., who is now a resident of Kansas City; Mrs. Emma Harmon, of Marshall county, Iowa; and Mrs. Rouze. It was in the year 1864 that John Spencer brought his family to Marion county, settling in Pleasant Grove township. He was a farmer and carpenter, devoting his entire life to those pursuits. Having lost his first wife, he married Mrs. Lovisa Pickett, née Miner, who is now also deceased. They had two children: William, now living in Kansas; and Mrs. Amanda Gish, of Washington. The death of Mr. Spencer occurred at his home in Pleasant Grove township about 1878, when he was sixty years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rouze were born ten children, of whom five survive, namely: Samuel V. and M. G., both of Minnesota; and Lloyd S., Grace and Loren, all at home. Those deceased were Alva, John Wiley, Ethel, and two who died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Rouze is an earnest republican and an active worker in the local ranks of the party, doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, have called him to a number of local offices. His wife is a member of the Christian church at Pleasantville. The family is widely and favorably known and warm regard is entertained for them by their friends and neighbors. For more than fifty-six years Mr. Rouze has resided in this county and is therefore numbered among the early settlers who have seen most of the county's development and progress, taking an active part in all that pertains to the upbuilding of the community in which he lives.

FRED ORA DAVIS.

Fred Ora Davis, engaged in the real-estate and loan business in Knoxville, with offices in the I. O. O. F. building, was born in 1877 in this county, a son of J. I. Davis, who came to this county in 1876 from West Virginia. The family is of Welsh descent but has been represented in this country for many years. Three brothers emigrated to America before the Revolution and one of the family served in that war. Members of the family have lived in Doddridge county, West Virginia, for over two hundred years. Both the grandfather and father of the subject of this review came to Marion county, Iowa, the former passing away here, while the latter engaged in farming here for many years but for the past seven years has lived in Wyoming. The mother of our subject was in her maidenhood Matilda Jane Wilson, a daughter of James Wilson, also of Doddridge county, West Virginia. She likewise survives. The family are Methodists in religious belief. The brothers and sisters of our subject are: Edgar, a farmer of Lucas county, Iowa; Walter, living in Wheatland, Wyoming; L. W.; Lovie, now Mrs. Johnson and a resident of Wyoming; and Ethel, at home.

Fred Ora Davis was reared and educated upon the home farm in this county and early became thoroughly acquainted with the details of agricultural work. Subsequently he mined coal for some time and was also engaged in the mercantile business. In 1903 he removed to Knoxville, where for the past ten years he has been engaged in the real-estate and loan business with offices in the I. O. O. F. building. He handles land in all sections of the county and annually negotiates many transfers of real estate. He has also placed

a great many loans and in both branches of his business has been successful. He sometimes has more deals pending than he can give his own attention to and he then employs other men to act as his agents.

Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Annie Benteima, a resident of this county, and to them have been born four children, Bertha, May, Nora and Elmer. Mr. Davis is a republican in his political belief and loyally supports the candidates of that party at the polls. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to all branches of that organization, and is past grand of his lodge. He likewise holds membership in all branches of the Red Men, including the Haymakers Association, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. His wife belongs to the Rebekahs. They own a comfortable home at the corner of Kent and Pleasant streets. Mr. Davis has contributed in no small measure to the development of Knoxville through his real-estate business and also by cooperating as a private citizen with a number of movements that have worked for the welfare of the community.

W. H. DANIELS, M. D.

Dr. W. H. Daniels is one of the younger representatives of the medical profession in Marion county but as a physician of Hamilton has already attained a position that many an older practitioner might well envy. He is one of the native sons of Iowa county, his birth having there occurred on the 7th of January, 1887. His youthful days were passed in that locality under the parental roof. His father, H. B. Daniels, was a native of Vermont, and after arriving at years of maturity he wedded Elizabeth Listenberger, who was born in Indiana. They are still living and yet make their home in Iowa county, where they have reared their family of seven children, six of whom are yet living.

At the usual age Dr. Daniels entered the public schools of his native county and after mastering the branches of learning therein taught he availed himself of his opportunities for further intellectual advancement, entering the University of Iowa, where he pursued a course in medicine and was graduated. He was afterward for one year connected with the government service in an official capacity and in 1912 he came to Hamilton, where he is now located. He has an excellent general practice and is most faithful and conscientious in

the discharge of his professional duties. He reads broadly, thinks deeply and keeps in touch with the trend of general improvement along professional lines.

In 1909 Dr. Daniels was united in marriage to Miss Elouise Dillie, who was born in Johnson county, and to them has been born a son, Harrison W., whose natal day was May 16, 1912. Dr. Daniels and his wife attend the Baptist church and fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Hamilton and with the Royal Arch Chapter at Knoxville. His profession gives him ample opportunity to embody in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft which is based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. He is most loyal to its teachings and along professional lines his efforts are of great worth.

GEORGE WHITLATCH.

George Whitlatch is one of the venerable residents of Indiana township, having passed the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey. He has always carried on farming and there are few whose length of residence in Marion county approaches his own, for he arrived here seventy-one years ago. He was born in Adams county, Ohio, May 29, 1829, a son of Noah and Eva (Bible) Whitlatch, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. They were married, however, in Ohio and to them were born ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Of this numerous family only two, George and William, are now living.

On leaving Ohio the parents removed with their family to Indiana, where they lived until 1843 and then came to Marion county, Iowa, settling in Indiana township. This was then a frontier district and the seeds of civilization had scarcely been planted when they took up their abode here. Wild animals infested the forests; there were wolves, deer and many kinds of feathered game. Indians, too, were numerous but on the whole were friendly toward the settlers. There were no railroads, few wagon roads had been laid out and it was a long distance to mill and market. The settlers depended largely upon what they could raise for their supplies, although the skillful hunter had no difficulty in supplying his table with meat in the early days.

Mr. Whitlatch secured one hundred and sixty acres of government land and at once began the difficult task of breaking the sod.

There were many hardships and privations to be met in those early days but the father, with the aid of his sons, continued the work of development and in the course of years his place became profitable. He was a democrat in his political views and was interested in public affairs, cooperating in various plans and movements for the upbuilding and improvement of the district in which he lived. He held some of the township offices and his duties were discharged with promptness and fidelity. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in early manhood and afterward joined the Methodist Protestant church, living an earnest Christian life until called to his final rest in 1865. His wife long survived him and passed away in 1891, at the age of ninety-five years. They were laid to rest in a cemetery in this county.

George Whitlatch was a youth of fourteen years when brought by his parents to Iowa. He pursued his education in log schoolhouses both of Indiana and Iowa. Split logs were used for seats and desks and the building was heated by an immense fireplace. The methods of teaching were very primitive and the pupil had an opportunity of studying only a few branches. Mr. Whitlatch broke the prairie for a dollar and a quarter per acre in his early manhood and when twenty-seven years of age he left home and started in business on his own account. He has always followed farming and is still the owner of good property on section 20, Indiana township. In his earlier years he was very active in the work of the fields, doing everything necessary upon the farm for its development and improvement. In addition to cultivating corn, wheat and other cereals he engaged in the raising of graded stock and this also brought to him a substantial financial return.

On the 14th of September, 1856, Mr. Whitlatch was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Morrison, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Whitlatch) Morrison, who in the year 1854 came to Iowa and settled in Marion county, taking up their abode in Indiana township. Both parents passed away here. The father was buried, however, in California and the mother in Missouri. They had a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. To Mr. and Mrs. Whitlatch were born seven children, namely: Mary J., who died at the age of eighteen; Ida, the wife of Jackson Rogers; Frank; Odella, who died in infancy; Cora, also deceased; Ammie, who died at the age of two years; and Hugh, who is engaged in farming in Marion county.

The parents hold membership in the Methodist Protestant church and guide their lives by its teachings. In politics Mr. Whitlatch is a democrat and has filled a number of local offices with credit to him-

self and satisfaction to his constituents. No history of this county would be complete without extended reference to him, so long as he resided here. As one of the pioneer settlers he is indeed widely and favorably known and there is no phase of the county's development and improvement with which he is not familiar. Many events which are to others a matter of history are known to him through personal connection therewith. He has seen the land claimed and cultivated, churches and schoolhouses erected and villages converted into thriving towns and cities. As the years have gone on he has rejoiced in what has been accomplished and he loves to tell the story of what has been done—a tale which he relates in a most interesting manner.

RALPH P. KELLY.

Ralph P. Kelly owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred acres situated five and three-quarters miles west of Knoxville and also an eighty acre tract of fine land. He was born in Knoxville township on the 21st of March, 1872, a son of William Alexander and Sarah (Post) Kelly, both of whom are deceased. The father was born in Ohio on the 5th of August, 1841, and grew to manhood there. In 1859 or 1860 he came to Marion county, Iowa, and at the beginning of the Civil war, in 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Third Iowa Cavalry, serving under Captain Brown and participating in a number of important engagements. He was captured and spent nine months in Andersonville prison and three months in Libby prison. He was in the army for three years and his gallantry and faithfulness won him promotion to the rank of sergeant. At the close of hostilities he returned to this county and joined his parents, who had located near the site of the present Eden church and the Lincoln cemetery. William A. Kelly subsequently removed to a farm a half mile south of White Breast creek, which he purchased in time and which remained his home until his death. He was a republican and held a number of local offices. John C. Ferguson Post, No. 49, G. A. R., had no more enthusiastic member than Mr. Kelly, who greatly enjoyed his association with his old comrades in blue. He was married in Salem, Ohio, to Miss Sarah Post, who died in 1872, leaving an only child, the subject of this review. His second wife was Miss Mary Heckler, whom he married in Salem, Ohio, in 1876, and to that union was born one child, John, who re-

sides upon the old home place. The father was called to his reward on the 28th of May, 1913.

Ralph P. Kelly resided at home until he was twenty-eight years of age and was then married and began farming upon his own account. His labors have been rewarded by excellent crops and the neat appearance of everything about his farm indicates his energy and good management. He understands the raising of crops from the preparation of the soil for the planting to the gathering of the harvest and as he is enterprising and industrious his land yields him a good income annually.

Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Maude Jordan, who was born upon the farm where she now resides, a daughter of Frederick and Henrietta Jordan, who were natives of Germany but came to this county in 1860 and settled in Knoxville township. Mr. Jordan was a large landowner, having at one time from seven hundred to eight hundred acres and when he died still held title to four hundred and forty acres. He made many improvements upon his land and was one of the substantial citizens of the county. He and his wife reared ten children who survive. Mr. Jordan died in 1900 when seventy-three years of age and his wife passed away in 1908 at the age of sixty-seven years. They were Presbyterians in their religious belief. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly has been born a daughter, Irene Sarah, whose birth occurred on the 24th of January, 1908. She is now attending school.

Mr. Kelly is a republican and his allegiance to that party is unwavering. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church at Knoxville, attending its services faithfully and contributing to its support. He operates a fine two hundred acre farm west of Knoxville which is part of the Jordan estate, and an eighty acre tract which is a part of the W. A. Kelly place. In cultivating his places he is gaining personal success, but is also aiding in the agricultural development of the county.

HARRY L. BRIDGMAN, M. D.

Dr. Harry L. Bridgman, a well known young medical practitioner of Columbia, where he has followed his profession continuously since 1907, has won an enviable reputation as one of the skilled and successful representatives of the fraternity in Marion county. His birth occurred in Harrison county, Indiana, on the

20th of June, 1882, his parents being John W. and Carrie (Thomas) Bridgman, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. Their marriage was celebrated in the Hoosier state, where the mother passed away and where the father is still living. To them were born five children, three of whom survive.

Harry L. Bridgman remained under the parental roof until sixteen years of age and in the acquirement of an education attended the graded and high schools of his native state. Having determined upon a professional career, he entered the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, which institution conferred upon him the degree of M. D. in 1907. The same year he opened an office at Columbia, Iowa, where he has since remained and has built up a liberal and lucrative practice, his skill and ability being widely recognized. With the steady progress of the profession he keeps in close touch through his membership in the Tri County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In 1910 Dr. Bridgman was united in marriage to Miss Beneti May, a native of Marion county, Iowa, and a daughter of G. W. and Nettie May, who were also born in this county. She is a high-school graduate and for some years prior to her marriage followed the profession of teaching. She now has one son, Harry L., Jr., born March 17, 1912. Dr. Bridgman is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Inter Ocean Lodge, No. 152, A. F. & A. M., at Lacona, Iowa, while his wife belongs to the Rebekahs and is also a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both are prominent in the younger social set of the community, being well liked and highly esteemed for their many good qualities of mind and character.

CLINTON FERGUS.

Clinton Fergus, one of the venerable citizens and retired agriculturists of Marion county, still resides on his farm of three hundred and forty acres on section 13, Liberty township. He has now passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey and the period of his residence in this county covers more than four decades.

His birth occurred in Indiana on the 4th of January, 1834, his parents being S. B. and Julia (McFaden) Fergus, who were natives of England and Ireland respectively. They emigrated to the United

States in an early day and were married in Ohio. Subsequently they took up their abode in Indiana and in that state spent the remainder of their lives. They settled on a farm and experienced all of the privations and hardships of frontier life, for the community was still but sparsely settled and largely undeveloped. The father built a log cabin with clapboard roof, puncheon floor and stick chimney and the door of the little dwelling had a latchstring. This primitive abode remained the home of the family for a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. Fergus were born thirteen children, seven of whom still survive.

Clinton Fergus received a common-school education in his youth, the little "temple of learning" in which he conned his lessons being constructed of logs. He spent the period of his minority under the parental roof and subsequently worked as a common laborer until the time of his marriage. Following that important event in his life he rented a farm in Indiana, which he operated for three years. On the expiration of that period, in 1864, he came to Iowa and purchased a farm in Mahaska county, where he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits for seven years. In 1871 he disposed of the property and came to Marion county, purchasing the farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 13, Liberty township, whereon he has resided continuously since. He later purchased two hundred and forty acres, but twenty acres were given to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and Wabash Railroads for right of ways. He erected substantial and commodious buildings on his place and in connection with the cultivation of cereals devoted considerable attention to stock-raising, meeting with gratifying success in both branches of his business. When his well directed activity had brought him a comfortable competence he put aside the active work of the fields and is now living retired, spending his declining years in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

In 1861 Mr. Fergus was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Litler, who was born in a log cabin in Indiana, her parents being Thomas and Susan M. (Fry) Litler, natives of Virginia. They established their home in Indiana in pioneer times but subsequently came to Marion county, Iowa, and purchased the farm which is now in possession of our subject. The remainder of their lives was here spent, and of their twelve children four are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Fergus became the parents of five children, as follows: Thomas B., who is living on a farm in this county; John R., a resident of Wisconsin; C. W., who makes his home in Marion county, Iowa; James Q., deceased; and one who died in infancy.

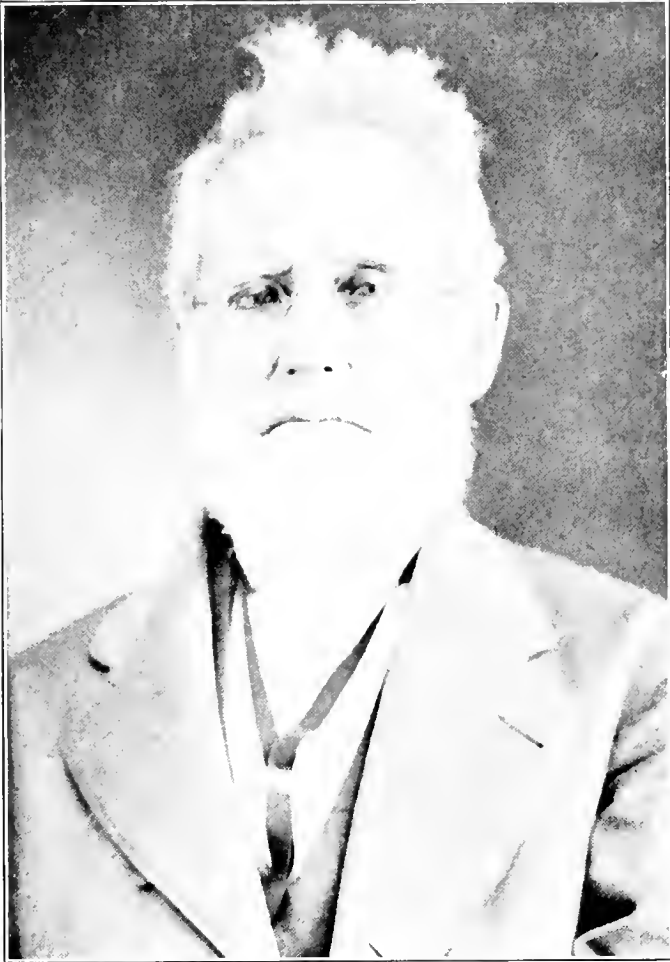
Mr. Fergus has always been a democrat in his political views and since 1872 has held the office of school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Protestant church, to which his wife also belongs. He has passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey and enjoys the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

BENJAMIN L. PARSONS.

Benjamin L. Parsons is well remembered in the village of Columbia and throughout the surrounding country, although twenty years have come and gone since he was called to his final rest. He lived retired in the village, although in earlier years he was a very active, energetic business man. His birth occurred in Pennsylvania in 1804, and he was descended from old Quaker stock, the kind that upheld the political and legal status of the state and promoted its intellectual and moral progress. He was reared in the east, pursued his education there and for many years conducted business in Ohio as proprietor of a store in Marion county.

Mr. Parsons came to Marion county, Iowa, about 1862, and at Columbia was united in marriage to Mrs. Salina Williams, the widow of Joseph Williams and a daughter of Adam and Mary Ann Quillen. Her first husband was a carpenter and cabinet-maker and followed those trades throughout his entire life. He built a mill at Columbia and operated it until it was destroyed by fire, when he retired from active business and spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams were born two children: Alice, now deceased; and Charlotte, who died when but two weeks old. Since the death of her second husband Mrs. Parsons has lived in Columbia, where she is the owner of town lots and other property. She is now eighty-six years of age and is a keen minded, well informed woman whose appearance greatly belies her age.

The death of Mr. Parsons occurred September 5, 1894, and he was laid to rest in the Columbia cemetery. During his later years, because of the fact that he was living retired, he had more leisure for social life than many a business man enjoys and he gained a large circle of friends in Columbia. His success in a business way was



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derived entirely through his energy, his industry, determination and diligence and his history illustrates what may be accomplished by close application and honorable purpose.

GEORGE L. GUSTIN.

Since March, 1910, George L. Gustin has resided in Knoxville, having retired from the active work of the farm. He was born at McArthur, Vinton county, Ohio, July 2, 1846, a son of Robert and Susanna (Speed) Gustin. The father came to this county on the 5th of April, 1847, located upon a claim in Union township, three miles from Red Rock village, entering a quarter section of land, and built the first hewn log house in that township. His wife and two children joined him in this county, which remained the family home thereafter. Mr. Gustin improved his first claim and subsequently traded it for another but resided in Union township until the spring of 1869. In that year he removed to Franklin township and purchased a farm, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred in 1873, when he was fifty-three years of age. He was a typical pioneer and aided much in the early development of the county. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. George Gustin, the former of whom died in early manhood, but the latter lived to a ripe old age. Robert Gustin was born in Athens county, Ohio, as was his wife, who bore the maiden name of Susanna Speed and was the daughter of George and Mercy C. Speed, the former of whom spent the last years of his life in Marion county and here passed away, while the latter died in Ohio. A number of representatives of both the Gustin and Speed families have lived in this county and the two names are held in high respect here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gustin were at first members of the United Brethren church but later joined the Methodist Episcopal church. She died in November, 1911, in this county, when almost ninety years of age. To their union were born three children. James W., whose birth occurred July 6, 1842, and who died in Missouri in 1873, was a farmer for a time but subsequently engaged in the shoe business in the Iron state. He left a widow and several children, all of whom are now deceased but a son, who resides in Canada. The subject of this review is the next in order of birth. Mrs. Mercy Morgan, whose husband was for twenty years chief of the fire department of Portland, Oregon, passed away in that city in 1904, leaving three daughters.

George L. Gustin was brought to this county when an infant and has lived here continuously since. For many years he followed farming, raising grain and stock and gaining more than a competence. He first bought land in this county in 1869 and subsequently sold that tract and bought a finely improved farm in Franklin township, which he sold for one hundred and fifty dollars per acre in 1909. He has dealt in land to a considerable extent, has bought and sold or traded a number of farms and still owns many acres of good land. In 1910 he removed to Knoxville, where he is highly esteemed by his fellow citizens.

In 1871 Mr. Gustin was married to Miss Susan Glenn, who was reared from childhood in this county but whose birth occurred in Jefferson county, this state. Her parents, Thomas and Mary Glenn, came to Iowa from the vicinity of Albany, Indiana, shortly after their marriage and the father followed farming. Both have passed away. An uncle of Mrs. Gustin, William Glenn, was for many years a merchant at Pleasantville. To Mr. and Mrs. Gustin have been born two children. C. D., representing the Home Insurance Company at Des Moines, married Miss Julia Welcher and they have three daughters, Gladys, Gertrude and Lois. Myrta married Clyde Flannagan, a farmer of Franklin township, by whom she has a son, Don.

Mr. Gustin is a stanch democrat and served for years in township offices while a resident of Franklin township. From January, 1884, to January, 1888, he was county auditor, and he has also served as a member of the board of supervisors. The family are members of the Free Methodist church of Knoxville and hold the respect of those who have come in contact with them as their lives are guided by high standards of morality.

GEORGE J. THOMASSEN.

George J. Thomassen, a well known lawyer of Pella and president of the city school board, is a native son of the city, born March 18, 1870. His parents were Geurt and Nellie (Rysdam) Thomassen, both natives of Holland, who in 1847 came to the United States, making their way direct to Pella. The paternal grandfather, John Thomassen, purchased a farm in Marion county in 1847 and also established one of the first stores in Pella, continuing to engage in merchandising until his death. Geurt Thomassen was in business

with his father and after the latter's death continued alone in business until he too was called to his final rest in 1899. The mother of our subject died in 1874.

George J. Thomassen was given excellent educational advantages, as, after being graduated from the public schools, he attended the Central University of Iowa, which is located in Pella, and still later entered the law department of Drake University at Des Moines, from which he was graduated in 1902. He immediately began practice in his native city and has continued here until the present time.

In 1894 Mr. Thomassen married Miss Sarah Van Stigt, a daughter of K. and Josephine Van Stigt, who left Holland in 1847 and emigrated to the United States with Pella as their objective point. Her father was for a time in the saddlery business but later turned his attention to boots and shoes. He died in May, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Thomassen have two children, Junella and Ruth, both at home.

Mr. Thomassen is a member of the First Reformed church and takes great interest in its work. Politically he is a democrat and is most active in the support of movements and institutions that make for the general good. He is president of the school board and trustee of the public library and in these capacities has been able to do much for the cause of general education.

IRVIN J. PASCOE, M. D.

Dr. Irvin J. Pascoe is a well known and successful young medical practitioner of Harvey and has already won an enviable reputation in professional circles of the county. His birth occurred in Wisconsin on the 27th of April, 1885, his parents being J. J. and Sarah E. (Trenery) Pascoe, likewise natives of that state. In 1886 they removed to Monroe county, Iowa, and have there resided continuously since. They became the parents of nine children, six of whom survive.

Irvin J. Pascoe, who was only about a year old when brought to this state, spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. Having determined upon a professional career, he entered the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery and was graduated from that institution in May, 1910. He first located for practice at Hiteman, Monroe county, but at the end of two years opened an office in Harvey, where he has remained continuously to the present time. He now enjoys an extensive and gratifying practice which has steadily

grown as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in coping with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. Through his membership in the Iowa State Medical Society he keeps in close touch with the progress of the profession.

In 1910 Dr. Pascoe was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Merrill, a native of Chicago, Illinois, and a daughter of Sanford and Mary (Miller) Merrill, both of whom were born in Ohio. The father is now a resident of Chicago and is superintendent of the Oak Park schools, but the mother has passed away. Their four children are all yet living. To Dr. and Mrs. Pascoe have been born three children, namely: Gladys M., Merrill B. and Irvin Theodore.

Dr. Pascoe gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is fraternally identified with the Masons, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter, while his wife is a member of the Eastern Star. He is likewise affiliated with the Yeomen and the Red Men, and both he and his wife are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have won many friends throughout the community and are very popular in social circles.

GARRET K. HART.

Garret K. Hart is an attorney of Knoxville who devotes much time to the abstract business, which he has found to his liking and profitable. He was born on the 22d of April, 1846, in New Jersey, a son of John T. and Mercy (Howell) Hart. The former was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, and the latter in Warren county, that state. The paternal grandfather was John Hart of New Jersey, of English descent, the family emigrating to this country from England in the pre-Revolutionary period. The maternal grandfather was Levi Howell and he came of Dutch ancestry.

After completing his public-school course in New Jersey, Garret K. Hart attended Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, for two years, and in the early part of the year 1869 came to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he entered the law office of Lafferty & Johnson, as student, and was admitted to the bar at the spring term of 1871 of the district court of Mahaska county, Iowa. He is recognized as a capable attorney and still appears as counsel in trials, but a great deal of his attention is given to the abstract business in which he has been engaged for a number of years.

Mr. Hart was married in New Jersey, March 23, 1871, to Miss Henrietta Samantha Van Horn, a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Stillwell) Van Horn, and settled in Knoxville, Iowa, where he has resided ever since. The one child of this union, Tobias Van Horn, married Miss Blanche vander Linden, of Pella, Iowa, and has two children. Mrs. Henrietta Samantha Hart passed away November 27, 1912.

Mr. Hart is a member of the Methodist church and fraternally affiliates with the Masons and the Odd Fellows. He is a republican in politics and takes a praiseworthy interest in public affairs. As an attorney, as a business man and as a citizen he conforms his life to high standards and has won the unqualified respect of his fellow townsmen.

JESSE SIMMONS.

Jesse Simmons, one of the venerable citizens and retired agriculturists of Marion county, has resided within its borders for a period of sixty-eight years, being brought here by his parents when a little lad of but four years and having therefore witnessed the development and growth of the district from pioneer times to the present. He devoted his time and energies to farming throughout his active business career and is now living retired in Attica, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Logan county, Illinois, on the 27th of February, 1842, his parents being Smith and Nancy (Stroud) Simmons, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. Removing to Illinois, they remained in the Prairie state until 1844, when they came to Iowa, settling first in Mahaska county. Two years later, however, they took up their abode in Marion county and here the remainder of their lives was spent. They became the parents of six children, two of whom survive.

Jesse Simmons, as above stated, was a little lad of but four years when brought to this county, and he spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. In 1864, when twenty-two years of age, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company I, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that command as a brave and loyal soldier until the cessation of hostilities. He was then mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, and returned to this county, taking up the pursuits of civil life as an agriculturist. The work of the fields claimed his attention throughout his active business career

and in his undertakings he won a gratifying and well merited measure of success. He is now spending the evening of life in honorable retirement at Attica and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the esteemed pioneers and prosperous citizens of the county.

In January, 1864, Mr. Simmons was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca C. Gullion, who was born in Marion county, Iowa, in 1846, her parents being Jeremiah and Hannah (Pierson) Gullion, natives of Kentucky and Indiana respectively. They came to this county in 1844, entering one hundred and sixty acres of land in Liberty township on which the father built a log cabin that was the family home for several years. Their children were ten in number and five are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons became the parents of nine children, as follows: Jeremiah; Nancy A.; William S.; Hallie, the wife of Thomas Hartness; Wyant, who is deceased; Fred; Jessie; Hannah, who gave her hand in marriage to Alford Righter; and Columbus. The parents are devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Protestant church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Simmons have lived in Marion county throughout a period covering nearly seven decades and they are widely and favorably known here, having won the warm regard and friendship of all with whom they have come in contact.

WILLIAM EDSON RINEHART.

William Edson Rinehart is serving as city clerk of Knoxville and is a successful business man of the city, owning a department store. He was born in Knoxville on the 5th of April, 1884, a son of S. S. and Alma (Ogle) Rinehart, who were natives of Ohio and Illinois respectively. They were early settlers of the county and the father engaged in blacksmithing for many years.

William E. Rinehart obtained his education in the common schools and subsequently clerked in a dry-goods store belonging to T. H. Heiny. Later he was employed in a similar capacity by J. D. Hanks and by Younker Brothers, of Des Moines. After again working for Mr. Hanks he opened a department store of his own in Knoxville on the 25th of March, 1910. The building is twenty by one hundred feet in dimensions and is located on the south side of the square. His long experience in mercantile houses has thoroughly qualified him for the management of such an enterprise, and the variety of goods offered, the nice balance maintained between

quality and price and the courteous treatment given all customers are among the factors that have made his store one of the leading mercantile establishments of Knoxville.

Mr. Rinehart was married on the 8th of November, 1909, to Miss Mary Kinney, of Donley, Iowa, a daughter of J. J. Kinney. Mr. Rinehart is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is well known and popular in that organization. Politically he is a democrat and manifests a keen interest in everything relating to local governmental affairs. In 1908 he was elected city clerk and served for two years. On the 9th of July, 1913, he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the same office and is at present the incumbent thereof. He is a forceful factor in the expansion of the city's business interests and as a public-spirited citizen cooperates heartily in a number of measures calculated to benefit the community as a whole.

CLARENCE GRUBB.

Since 1911 Clarence Grubb has carried on business as a lumber dealer of Tracy and in this connection has built up an enterprise of extensive and gratifying proportions. His birth occurred in Morgan county, Ohio, on the 7th of May, 1875, his parents being B. F. and Mary (Boileau) Grubb, likewise natives of the Buckeye state. In November, 1880, they came to Iowa, settling first in New Sharon, Mahaska county, and subsequently in Oskaloosa, that county, where they have made their home continuously since. To them were born six children, five of whom survive.

Clarence Grubb enjoyed the advantages of a high school education in his youth and when nineteen years of age left the parental roof and entered the service of the Iowa Central Railroad Company, being employed in the bridge and building department for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he made his way to Tulsa, Oklahoma, but at the end of two years returned to Iowa. He embarked in the lumber business at Tracy, where he has since won merited success as a dealer in all kinds of building materials. He owns fifteen lots in addition to his residence in the town of Tracy and is widely recognized as one of the progressive and prosperous citizens of the community.

On the 23d of January, 1909, Mr. Grubb was united in marriage to Miss Edith V. Stark, a daughter of James and Hester Stark. They have four children, namely: Abner; Helen; and Martha and

Mary, twins. In politics Mr. Grubb is a republican, and both he and his wife attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has come to be recognized as one of the substantial men of his community, and his career is proof of the fact that industry and energy pave the way to success and that prosperity is but ambition's answer.

E. W. McVAY.

E. W. McVay is a self-made man who started out in life empty-handed and has worked his way steadily upward through his energy and persistency of purpose until he is now the owner of three hundred and seventy-seven acres of valuable farm land lying on sections 11 and 12, Liberty township. He was born in Marion county, Iowa, October 23, 1867, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Gregory) McVay, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Marion county.

The father came to Iowa in 1849 and lived for about a year in this county, after which he resumed his travels westward with California as his destination. He had been attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast and with ox teams started for the far west, journeying by slow stages across the plains, over the hot stretches of sand and through the mountain passes until at the end of six months he reached the gold fields. There had been much trouble with the Indians while en route but their journey was at length safely accomplished. Mr. McVay remained for ten years in California and then returned to Iowa. Following the outbreak of the Civil war his patriotic spirit was aroused and he enlisted in response to the country's call for aid, becoming a member of the Fifteenth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, participating in a number of hotly contested engagements. Although he was frequently on the firing line he was never wounded and at the close of the war he returned with a most creditable military record to Marion county. He then purchased a farm, was soon afterward married and devoted his remaining days to general agricultural pursuits in this county, his death here occurring in 1880. His widow survives. In their family were six children, of whom five are yet living.

E. W. McVay remained at home until he attained his majority and then rented land for a year, at the end of which time he purchased a part of the old homestead in Clay township and began its further development and improvement. After living thereon for a decade

he sold out and purchased the farm which he now owns and occupies, on sections 11 and 12, Liberty township, comprising three hundred and seventy-seven acres, which was only partially under cultivation. With characteristic energy he undertook the work of converting the entire tract into a rich and productive property and the result of his labors was soon manifest in highly cultivated fields, from which he annually gathers rich harvests. He has ever been practical in his farm work and at the same time has employed progressive methods.

In 1893 Mr. McVay was united in marriage to Miss Valeria Stafford, who was born in Monroe county, Iowa, a daughter of J. C. and Elmira (Hoagland) Stafford, the former a native of Marion county and the latter of Monroe county. The father has passed away but the mother survives and is now residing in Lovilia. In their family were five children, all of whom are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. McVay became the parents of six children: Guy and Mary, both deceased; Mildred F., now attending high school at Lovilia, Iowa; Gladys N.; Edith E. W.; and Jacob P. R.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. McVay belongs also to the Modern Woodmen camp at Tracy, in which he has filled all of the chairs. He has served on the school board, of which he is now the secretary, and he is a stalwart champion of the cause of education. He votes with the republican party but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the county and has ever been an interested witness of its growth and development, while through his chosen life work he has contributed much to its agricultural progress.

LOUIS F. BOUSQUET.

Louis F. Bousquet, the capable postmaster of Pella, was born in Ames, Iowa, on the 27th of October, 1876, a son of J. J. and Anna (Vander Linden) Bousquet, both born in the kingdom of the Netherlands. His paternal grandfather was A. E. D. Bousquet, who in the early '50s brought his family to the United States and located at Pella. He was the owner of a boat plying upon the Des Moines river. J. J. Bousquet, his son, was a druggist at Ames, Iowa, but in 1880 removed to Pella, where for a number of years he engaged in the produce business. He is still a stockholder in the Pella Creamery Company and is at present bookkeeper for that concern. He is a

veteran of the Civil war, serving for three years in an Iowa regiment, and his bravery and efficiency won him promotion to the rank of lieutenant. His wife is a daughter of K. Vander Linden, who came to the United States and located at Pella many years ago. He was a farmer by occupation. Both Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bousquet are members of the Second Reformed church. They have had four children, but one is now deceased. Hattie M. is the wife of Ed E. Egan, a resident of Burlington, Iowa. Louisa died when two years of age. Louis F. is the next in order of birth. Agnes A. is at home.

Louis F. Bousquet received a public-school education and when a youth of about nineteen years started out in life for himself, becoming a clerk in the postoffice on the 1st of July, 1895. He was made assistant postmaster under Dr. B. F. Keables and served in that capacity for two terms. As he began at the bottom and worked up to a position of responsibility, he became thoroughly familiar with all of the details of the office routine and also developed his executive ability and became the logical man for appointment to the postmastership. On the 14th of February, 1908, he was given charge of the office and was reappointed postmaster in 1912. He is a courteous official as well as a systematic and efficient one, and the people of Pella have had no reason to complain of their mail service under his administration as postmaster.

Mr. Bousquet is a republican and manifests a citizen's interest in public affairs. He is an enthusiastic Mason and has taken the thirty-second degree in that order. He belongs to Pella Lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M.; the Des Moines Consistory and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine at Des Moines. He is a Mason in spirit as well as in membership, as his life is guided by the principle of helpfulness and brotherly kindness, which is the foundation teaching of that fraternity.

CAMBRIDGE CULBERTSON.

Cambridge Culbertson has the distinction of having served Knoxville as its mayor for five terms and the record which he has made in office is best attested by his frequent reelection. His service has not been continuous but after his retirement from the position his fellow townsmen, thinking of the excellent work which he had done as the city's chief executive, again called him to the office, in which he is the present incumbent. Efficiency, loyalty and a public

spirit that subordinates personal aggrandizement to the general welfare have been the crowning points in his career as mayor.

Mr. Culbertson was born in Kentucky, May 28, 1845, a son of Cambridge and Charlotte (Jones) Culbertson, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of Tennessee respectively. The paternal grandfather, John Culbertson, was likewise born in the Keystone state and was of Scotch-Irish descent. Three brothers of the name came from the north of Ireland prior to the Revolutionary war and established their home in Pennsylvania, and through the period of hostilities with the mother country the great-grandfather of our subject served as inspector general of the Pennsylvania troops. Both the grandfather and the father of Cambridge Culbertson of this review engaged in the manufacture of pig iron in Pennsylvania. Later the father carried on a similar business in Kentucky and in the late '40s he removed to Ohio, where he continued in the same line of activity to the time of his death.

His son, Cambridge Culbertson, now of Knoxville, acquired a public-school education and also attended a preparatory school in Marietta, Ohio. He afterward learned telegraphy and joined the United States Military Telegraph Corps in 1862, remaining in connection therewith until December, 1865. He served with the Army of the Cumberland and later with the Army of the Potomac and at different times was stationed at Cairo, Illinois, Memphis, Vicksburg, Nashville and Chattanooga. He also started with Sherman on the march to the sea but discontinued ere the coast was reached. He went into the Department of the Potomac with five others and on the 25th of March, 1865, Mr. Culbertson opened an office in the field for General Grant. He sent the dispatches from General Grant that moved the army into Richmond and Petersburg and while at the front he met President Lincoln. He was a cipher operator and it would be impossible to overestimate the worth of his work. Because of the fact that he was sending dispatches continuously he was in touch with every detail of the operations when Lee surrendered and knew of the surrender long before the news was received in the north. He saw General Lee after he had given over his army to General Grant and says that the intrepid leader of the southern forces was heartbroken. Mr. Culbertson was left at Petersburg and was there when Lincoln was assassinated. He carried the first message of the news into Petersburg. Later he was transferred to Fortress Monroe, where he handled the correspondence relating to the disposal of Jefferson Davis, the orders being transmitted over his wire. Davis was incarcerated at Fortress Monroe and was put in

irons while in prison for striking his guard, this being done by order of General Miles, but Secretary Stanton had the irons removed, so that he was only left in irons for a few hours. Mr. Culbertson was afterward sent to Memphis, where he remained as telegraph operator until the conditions of civil life were established in December, 1865. He spent the succeeding winter in New Orleans and during the winter of 1866 was in Atlanta. Mr. Culbertson's association with Thomas A. Edison during the Civil war is one of his most pleasant reminiscences. While acting manager of the Cairo office of the telegraph company he hired young Edison as an operator and from then on they were thrown together and became intimate chums. They again met forty years later in New York city at a banquet and reunion of the United States Military Telegraph Society and the occasion was one of mutual pleasure.

After receiving his honorable discharge Mr. Culbertson returned to Ohio and in 1868 went to Missouri, where he remained until 1875, when he came to Marion county, where he engaged in teaching school for several years. In 1892 he established his home in Knoxville, where he engaged in the real-estate and loan business. His value and popularity as a citizen were indicated in the fact that in the following year he was elected mayor of Knoxville and made such an excellent record that he was reelected for a second term. He resigned, however, in 1896 in order to take charge of the Industrial Home for the Blind, which he superintended until 1900, when it was closed by order of the state legislature. In 1909 he was reelected mayor of Knoxville and in 1910 was appointed supervisor of the census for the seventh congressional district of Iowa. Again he was chosen mayor of the city in 1911 and once more, in 1913, so that he has held the office of mayor for five terms. For a number of years he was chairman of the republican county central committee, but is now a non-partisan, believing in progress in politics as in everything else. He takes great pride in Knoxville and her upbuilding and works untiringly for her benefit.

Mr. Culbertson lost his arm during his service at the front and he is the only man in Iowa who is a pensioner of Andrew Carnegie for his service in the Civil war. There was no provision made by congress for pensions to the Telegraph Corps but in 1897 congress recognized the military telegraph operators by giving to each a certificate of honorable service, which entitled the holder to a Carnegie pension. In 1861 Mr. Carnegie was assistant superintendent of the Pennsylvania Central Railway and, moreover, he was a telegrapher by profession. It was he who received the first order from the gov-

ernment for four operators for the war and thus was started the United States Telegraph Corps for military service.

In 1880 Mr. Culbertson was married to Miss Mary F. Morris, of this county, a daughter of Andrew J. Morris, and they became the parents of two children: Bunnie Iona, who died at the age of eleven; and Mrs. A. C. West, of Marion county.

Fraternally Mr. Culbertson is connected with the Red Men and with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. High and honorable in his purpose, he has never deviated from what his judgment has dictated as right between himself and his fellowmen. There is an utter lack of self-seeking in his official service. At all times he is guided by the high civic spirit which seeks the benefit of the majority, while in social relations he has won many warm friends as the result of his unfeigned cordiality and genuine worth.

H. F. JOHNSON.

Among the men who are prominent factors in the life of Pella is numbered H. F. Johnson, the present mayor of the city and business manager of Pella's Weekblad, one of the leading papers in the state published in the Dutch language. Mr. Johnson was born in Buffalo, New York, February 18, 1858, a son of Gerrit and Minnie (Van der Berg) Johnson, natives of Holland and Belgium respectively. Their marriage was solemnized in Holland and in 1854 they came to this country. They first settled at Buffalo, New York, where the father found employment, but in 1864 the family removed to Iowa and Mr. Johnson purchased a farm near Pella, which he operated until 1881. In that year he retired and lived in well earned comfort and leisure until his death, which occurred on Christmas day, 1896. He survived his wife for many years as she passed away in 1881. They were both members of the Reformed church. To them were born eight children, three of whom survive, namely: Mrs. D. W. Gaass, a resident of Pella; Anthony, who lives in Creston, Iowa; and H. F., of this review. William Gerrit, who lived in New Sharon, died September 17, 1914.

H. F. Johnson attended the public schools in the acquirement of his education during his boyhood and assisted his father with the farm work. He devoted his time to agricultural pursuits until 1880 and then learned the wagonmaker's trade, which he followed for about

thirteen years. In 1892 he was employed by G. A. Vander Mulen, a hardware merchant, as salesman and collector. Ten years later, in 1902, he opened a hardware store of his own at Pella and conducted it until 1904. In that year he bought an interest in Pella's Weekblad and has since been business manager of that publication. He is a man of marked energy and initiative and has given his time and thought to the management of the business interests of the paper with gratifying results. Its circulation has increased and more money has been received from advertisements, while study of the problems of buying and operation has resulted in a saving along those lines without a loss of efficiency.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1884 to Miss Gysie Stavast, a daughter of Henry and Hilleke (Schryvers) Stavast. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born three children: Ella May and Alfred Alonzo, both at home; and Rowland, who died when an infant of one and a half years.

The family belong to the Baptist church. Mr. Johnson is a democrat in politics and his advice is often sought in local political circles. For five years he served as alderman from the second ward, being a member of the city council at two different times. In his second term he was the one who started the movement which resulted in the extension of the water system and in the erection of the electric light plant, both of which are under municipal ownership. For the past two years he has served as mayor of the city and has been the means of instituting several needed improvements. Fraternally he belongs to Pella Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M., and to the Knights of Pythias, in the latter of which he is past chancellor and past prelate. Mr. Johnson is known to practically all of the citizens of Pella and the general respect in which he is held is a well deserved tribute to his ability and sterling qualities of character.

SYLVANUS S. NEAL.

Sylvanus S. Neal, who owns and operates a finely improved farm of thirty and one-fourth acres one mile from Knoxville, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of July, 1856, a son of George G. Neal, and received but a limited education as far as book knowledge is concerned but was given a practical training in agriculture which has been of much benefit to him in later years. He has mainly followed the occupation to which he was reared and has

found it both congenial and profitable. In March, 1886, when about thirty years of age, he went to Kansas and homesteaded land in Hodgeman county, proving up on his claim. He improved his land and resided there until the fall of 1893, when he returned to this county, where he rented land for some time. Desiring to investigate conditions in the west, he then went to Boise, Idaho, where he remained for six months, but in the fall of 1911 he returned to Iowa, locating in Greene county, where he purchased a farm, upon which he resided for a year, when he sold it. In the spring of 1913 he returned to Marion county and located upon his present farm, which he had previously purchased. It was formerly known as the McCoy place and had been used for a nursery. It comprises thirty and one-quarter acres of very productive land and is situated on section 2, Knoxville township. He cultivates it intensively and his unremitting industry and progressive methods enable him to secure a gratifying income from his land.

Mr. Neal was united in marriage on the 27th of November, 1875, to Miss Arab V. Hardin, who was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1854, her parents being C. C. and Lucretia (Morris) Hardin. Her father was a native of Kentucky. He removed to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and later to Greene county, that state, where he was married and where he lived until 1875, in which year he came with his family to this county, locating at Pella. He taught school for many years in both Pennsylvania and Iowa but eventually purchased a farm west of Donnelly, in Knoxville township, and made his home there in his later years. His wife was born and reared at Mount Morris, Greene county, Pennsylvania, her birth occurring on the 8th of August, 1833. Her father, Levi Morris, was a pioneer of that county, and Mount Morris was named in his honor. Mrs. Hardin passed away in this county on the 13th of October, 1887. Mrs. Neal has two brothers, B. A. and E. S., both farmers of Knoxville township. Previous to her marriage she taught school for several terms in Pennsylvania, Kansas and Iowa and was very successful in that profession.

To Mr. and Mrs. Neal were born ten children, namely: Charles S., born February 25, 1877, married Miss Myrtle Swaim and is a farmer of this county; L. Myrtle, born October 24, 1878, resides at Des Moines; Nora E., born February 17, 1882, is the wife of H. H. Budka, a commercial traveler of Des Moines; Herbert L., born October 28, 1883, and who married Miss Edith Wilson, by whom he has one child, and is now a farmer of Meridian, Idaho; Maie Morris, born November 2, 1885, is at home; Frances Edna, born October 21,

1889, is now the wife of Harry E. Roberts, of Boone, Iowa; John Byron, whose birth occurred March 29, 1891, is at home; Archie M., born August 21, 1892, is at home; Laura Isadora, born March 29, 1895, died March 22, 1896; and Blanche Irene, born February 16, 1898, is at home.

Mrs. Neal is a member of the Eden Methodist Episcopal church of Knoxville township. Mr. Neal is a republican and staunchly supports the policies of that party. He has served in a number of local offices and has at all times discharged his duties with circumspection and ability. His life is guided by high and honorable principles of conduct and in all relations he has proven himself a man whom to know is to respect.

ALBERT D. JORDAN.

Among the native sons of Marion county who have continued to reside here, feeling that the opportunities offered in this locality are equal to those to be found elsewhere, is Albert D. Jordan, a farmer and stockman, who owns and operates two hundred acres of land in Knoxville and Franklin townships. He was born in a log house upon the family homestead on the 15th of December, 1862, a son of Frederick and Henrietta (Prinikey) Jordan, both of whom have passed away. They were pioneers of this county and aided in the work of improvement and development.

Albert D. Jordan passed his boyhood upon the home farm and received excellent training in agriculture and also learned to value rightly the habits of industry and promptness. When not busy upon the farm he attended school in the neighborhood and thus further fitted himself for the duties of life. In 1873 his parents removed to the place where he now resides and he has lived there continuously since. For many years he has operated it and has made it one of the finely improved properties of the township. It comprises two hundred acres of fine land and returns to its owner a good income annually as he is energetic and progressive and follows the most efficient methods in his work.

Mr. Jordan was married in 1893 to Miss Dora Heavner, a daughter of John Heavner, of Knoxville. She was born and reared in this county and passed away here on the 17th of November, 1909, when forty years of age. She left a son and daughter: Dee, thirteen years old; and Henrietta, nine years of age.



ALBERT D. JORDAN



MRS. ALBERT D. JORDAN

Mr. Jordan has always been a supporter of the republican party since attaining his majority and has ably served his district as school director. Although not a member of any church he is especially interested in the work of the Methodist Episcopal denomination and can always be counted upon to further any movement seeking the moral advancement of his community. His life has been filled with useful activity and in achieving personal success he has also contributed to the agricultural development of the county.

JOHN WESLEY McCLAIN, JR.

John Wesley McClain, Jr., owns and operates a finely improved farm of eighty acres on section 5, Knoxville township, where he has resided since 1902. He was born on a farm just south of his present home on the 4th of April, 1872, a son of John Wesley and Lucinda (Saha) McClain, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. They had seven children, all of whom are still living.

John W. McClain, Jr., was reared in Knoxville township and attended the Lincoln school in the acquirement of an education. During the years of his boyhood and youth he also gained a practical knowledge of agriculture through assisting his father with the work of the homestead and by the time that he was grown he had become an efficient farmer. He has never seen any reason to change his occupation and is today recognized as one of the successful agriculturists of his township. He not only raises grain but also feeds considerable stock annually and finds both branches of his work profitable. His present farm has been in his possession since 1902 and is in a high state of cultivation, while everything upon the place is kept in a fine condition.

On the 19th of February, 1896, Mr. McClain was united in marriage with Miss Cora Pitman, who is a representative of a pioneer family of the county and was reared near Pleasantville. They have a daughter, Lorene, born February 1, 1899, and is attending St. Joseph's Academy at Des Moines.

The family attend the Eden Methodist Episcopal church, of which the daughter is a member. Mr. McClain is a democrat and has held various local offices, including that of member of the school board. Socially he belongs to the Masonic order and has attained the Knight Templar degree therein, being a charter member of the commandery at Knoxville. Both he and his wife are members of the

Order of the Eastern Star. He was formerly identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, but is not now a member of that organization. His father was one of those pioneers who laid the foundation for the development of the county and he is just as efficiently performing the work that it is given to the present generation to do in advancing the interests of his locality. All who know him hold him in high esteem and his friends are many.

WILLIAM A. SANDILAND.

William A. Sandiland, deceased, was at one time a well known resident of Marion county, where he owned and cultivated a good tract of land. For a long period he carried on general farming, but ere his death put aside the active work of the fields. He was born in Vermont, September 15, 1837, and was a son of Alexander and Margaret (McMillan) Sandiland, the former a native of the Green Mountain state, while the latter was born in Scotland. It was in the early '50s that Alexander Sandiland brought his family from New England to Marion county, Iowa, and settled upon a farm on which he and his wife spent their remaining days, the former being closely identified with agricultural interests.

William A. Sandiland was a youth in his teens when the family removed to Iowa and he assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm and otherwise enhancing the value of the property which his father secured. He enlisted for service in the Civil war in August, 1861, as a member of Company D, Thirty-Third Iowa Infantry, with which he served until the close of hostilities in 1865. He was then mustered out at Davenport and returned home with a most creditable military record. He had participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, from which he emerged, however, without an injury notwithstanding the fact that he was often in the thickest of the fight. When the war was over he returned to Marion county and throughout the period of his residence here he carried on general agricultural pursuits. He became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, on which he lived for thirty years, and during that period he carefully cultivated his crops and enhanced the fertility of the soil in various ways. He added good buildings to his farm and utilized the latest improved machinery to carry on the work of the fields from the time of the early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the late autumn. In 1907 he removed to Bussey and, put-

ting aside further business cares, lived retired until his death, which occurred on the 26th of March, 1911.

It was in 1876 that Mr. Sandiland was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Adair, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, in 1859, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Deboard) Adair, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. They came to Iowa at an early period in the development of this section of the state and settled upon a farm in Mahaska county, where their remaining days were passed. They had a family of ten children, of whom seven are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Sandiland became the parents of three children: James E.; Clara F., the wife of W. P. Hartner, of Minnesota; and Nannie M., who married H. A. Hutchison, of Hamilton, Iowa. There are also five grandchildren.

Mr. Sandiland voted with the republican party and never failed to give to it his stalwart allegiance, yet he did not seek the honors or emoluments of public office. His life was preeminently that of the business man who finds in his chosen pursuits incentive for his best efforts. He worked on diligently as the years passed by and won not only a comfortable competence, but also an honored name. His widow still survives and resides in Bussey, where she owns a fine residence.

JOHN JESSE WALKER.

John Jesse Walker owns and occupies a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Swan township. The place is well improved according to modern ideas of farm life and in addition to tilling the soil Mr. Walker engages in the raising of graded stock and chickens. He was born upon this farm, on section 33, Swan township, May 20, 1867, his parents being Francis Marion and Mary F. (Harrison) Walker, the mother a distant relative of former presidents William Henry and Benjamin Harrison. The parents were married here after coming to Iowa from Indiana. Francis M. Walker was born in the latter state and died February 28, 1913, when more than seventy-seven years of age. His father had passed away in Indiana and his mother afterward became the wife of Andrew Schirmer. They came to Iowa in the fall of 1847, bringing their family and settling on section 28, Swan township, Marion county, at which period this district was still upon the frontier. Only here and there was there a little cabin to be seen, showing that

the white men were penetrating into the western wilderness to reclaim the district for the uses of civilization. Mr. Schirmer secured considerable land and was actively identified with the early agricultural development of this section of the state. Both he and his wife died at an advanced age upon the old homestead farm which he developed, and with their passing the county lost two of its worthy and well known pioneer citizens.

Francis M. Walker was twelve years of age when, in 1847, the family came to Iowa and the remainder of his life was here passed. He spent the last twenty-one years at Pleasantville and through many years he was known as a successful farmer, stock-raiser and business man. He owned altogether four hundred and fifty acres of rich and valuable land, which he divided among his children. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for active duty as a member of Company G, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for almost three years as a private under Captain Jenkins, during which time he participated in a number of hotly contested engagements. He then returned home and was married on the 9th of April, 1866, to Miss Mary F. Harrison, who was born in Indiana, near Ladoga, and came with her parents to this county in the latter '40s, the family settling in Pleasant Grove township, where her father secured a farm. Both he and his wife passed away here at an advanced age. Both Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Walker were members of the Christian church and for a half century he was connected with the Masonic fraternity. His life was at all times guided by high and honorable principles and measured up to the most advanced standards of manhood and citizenship. He served for ten years as constable and made an excellent record in the office. He passed away February 28, 1913, but his widow survives and now resides in Pleasantville at the age of sixty-nine years. They were the parents of three children: John J., whose name introduces this review; Minnie O., the wife of John Cormany, a resident farmer of Swan township; and James U., who also follows farming in the same township.

John J. Walker was reared and educated in Swan township, attending the public schools, wherein he mastered the branches of learning usually taught in such institutions. He has always followed farming and success has attended his efforts in a gratifying measure, for his methods have been practical. Moreover, he has studied the soil and has kept informed concerning modern ideas relative to the development of the fields and the care of stock. He has made many fine improvements upon his place and it is today one of the most

attractive features in the landscape. He has a pleasant residence, in the rear of which stand commodious barns and outbuildings, while these in turn are surrounded by highly cultivated fields. He annually gathers good harvests and an important feature of his business is the raising of graded stock and fine chickens.

On the 9th of April, 1889, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Shutt, who was born in Warren county, September 25, 1866, a daughter of Edward and Martha (Yount) Shutt, who came to this county at an early day. The father was born in Pennsylvania, July 31, 1837, and at the age of four years was taken to Ohio and afterward to Indiana, coming as a young man to Iowa, at which time he settled in Warren county. He enlisted in 1861 in defense of the Union cause and served for four years, having in the meantime veteranized. He participated in the famous march to the sea under General Sherman, which proved the weakness of the Confederacy, showing that the troops had been drawn from the interior to protect the border. He was ever a loyal and valorous soldier and in August, 1865, returned home with an army record of which he had every reason to be proud. He resided in this part of the state for many years and finally passed away near Winterset, Madison county, Iowa, January 7, 1901. His wife was born in Indiana and with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, removed to Warren county, Iowa, where she afterward became the wife of Mr. Shutt. They were the parents of three children: Mrs. Walker; G. W. Shutt, now living in Hartford; and Mrs. Eva Shutt, whose home is in Stuttgart, Arkansas. The mother died in May, 1874, and the father afterward wedded Miss Katie Fisher, who passed away several years later, leaving several children, who are now widely scattered. The parents of Mrs. Walker were both Baptists in religious faith. Mrs. Walker was reared in Warren county, was educated in the common schools and afterward engaged in teaching in Warren county for five terms. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children: Leila, now the wife of Lloyd Wall, of Pleasant Grove township, by whom she has two daughters, Louise and Helen; and Leitha, Mary Frances, Minnie Edna, Jessie Marian and Edwin Wayne, all at home.

Mr. Walker exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, belonging to Swan Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and for a number of years he has also been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian

church and both take an active interest in its work and contribute generously to its support. Mr. Walker takes a sane view of life, has judged its opportunities correctly and has so lived that he has gained success in business and at the same time has ever merited the confidence and good-will of those with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

A. L. HARVEY.

A. L. Harvey is president of the First National Bank in the village of Harvey and is also still actively and extensively connected with agricultural interests in Clay township. Marion county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred on the 4th of August, 1861. His parents, James and Mary P. (Gould) Harvey, were both natives of Ohio and in 1855 came to Marion county, settling on a farm in Clay township, where their remaining days were passed. They were numbered among the early residents of this section and the father was closely connected with agricultural development.

A. L. Harvey, who was one of a family of five children, four of whom are yet living, spent his youthful days under the parental roof, his time being divided between the schoolroom and the fields, for at an early age he began to assist in the work of the farm. After attaining his majority he began farming on his own account and in 1907 he made his initial step in connection with the banking business, being one of the leading organizers of the First National Bank at Harvey, of which he is now the president. He has made this institution one of the strong financial concerns of the county, employing modern methods of banking that are thoroughly safe and reliable. In addition to his activities in that field of labor he still conducts his farming interests and is now the owner of three hundred acres of rich and valuable land in Clay township and also has a half interest in seventy acres of land adjoining Harvey. He owns a herd of fine cattle and makes stock-raising an important feature of his farm interests.

In 1885 Mr. Harvey was married to Miss Flora A. Goodspeed, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Alvin and Mary (Johnson) Goodspeed, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. They came to Iowa about 1870 and settled on a farm in Marion county. The father has now passed away but the mother still survives. To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have been born four children: Mary A., now the wife of W. H. Zeigler; Martha E. and Wade C., both at home; and Ward G.,

who is now acting as bookkeeper in the bank of which his father is the president.

In his political views Mr. Harvey is a stalwart republican and has filled some local offices, including that of trustee. He has also been on the school board for a number of years and the cause of public education finds in him a stalwart champion. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their lives are spent in consistent harmony with their profession. Mr. Harvey represents one of the old pioneer families of the county. At his father's arrival he built a log cabin which was one of the early homes at a period when this district was upon the frontier. The work instituted by his father in the early days has been carried on by him and thus the name of Harvey has figured prominently in connection with the development and improvement of Clay township and Marion county.

FRANCIS A. MADDY.

Francis A. Maddy, a worthy native son and enterprising agriculturist of Marion county, is a representative of an honored pioneer family that was established here sixty years ago. His farm, lying on section 16, Indiana township, comprises one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land, and thereon he has resided continuously since his natal day, February 9, 1862. He is a son of Thomas Maddy and a grandson of Thomas Maddy, Sr., the latter being the first of the name to locate in this county.

Thomas Maddy, Sr., was born in 1797 and on the 8th of February, 1816, in Marion county, West Virginia, wedded Miss Rhoda Miller, whose birth occurred in 1796. He brought his family to this county in 1854 and here he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, encountering all the hardships and privations of existence in a frontier region. Thomas Maddy, Sr., passed away on the 9th of June, 1876, while his wife was called to her final rest October 7, 1861, and both lie buried in the cemetery near our subject's home in Indiana township. Their son Thomas was born in Shelby county, Indiana, on the 7th of August, 1838, and was a youth of sixteen years when the family home was established in Marion county, Iowa. He received a meager education in his native state and continued his studies after coming to this county, though methods of instruction were yet necessarily primitive and schoolhouses crude and few in number. In May, 1861, he wedded Miss Harriet Rogers, a daughter of Samuel

and Rebecca (Adkinson) Rogers. To them were born the following children: Francis A., of this review; William G.; Samuel T.; Augustus L.; Anna Rebecca; Clara A.; and Nettie, who is deceased. Thomas Maddy, Jr., passed away on the 31st of August, 1909, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he took a most active and helpful interest. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party, held a number of minor township offices and was much interested in public affairs. His fellow townsmen paid tribute to his genuine personal worth in unqualified confidence and warm regard and he was frequently called upon to settle estates. The period of his residence in this county covered fifty-five years and his loss was deeply felt. His widow, who survives, is also very widely and favorably known throughout the community.

Francis A. Maddy, whose name introduces this review, attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his time and energies throughout his entire business career and he is the owner of a well improved and valuable farm embracing one hundred and twenty acres in Indiana township. Success has attended his undertakings, so that he has been long numbered among the representative and substantial citizens of his native county.

On the 25th of February, 1883, Mr. Maddy was united in marriage to Miss Glycie A. Mason, a daughter of David and Melissa (Tovrea) Mason. Their children are two in number, namely: Grant E., who wedded Miss Stella Van Loon, by whom he has one son, Alvin; and Effie M., the wife of S. J. Rankin, by whom she has one son, William A. In politics Mr. Maddy is a republican. His life has been actuated by a spirit of progress, advancement and improvement and he does everything in his power to promote the moral, intellectual, political and social as well as material welfare of the community in which he makes his home.

JOHN W. BITTENBENDER.

The All Grow Seed House, located at No. 1820 West Montgomery street, is well known to the residents of Knoxville and Marion county and its proprietor, John W. Bittenbender, is recognized as a man of initiative and sound business judgment. He has resided at Knoxville since 1871 and during those years has thoroughly identified himself with the interests of the community. He was born in Schuyl-

kill county, Pennsylvania, in July, 1855, a son of John and Mary (Bitting) Bittenbender. The father was likewise a native of the Keystone state and was a son of Jacob Bittenbender, a native of Holland, who as a young man emigrated to America in company with two brothers. He made his way to Pennsylvania and devoted his life to farming in that state. John Bittenbender was reared in Pennsylvania and was there married, but in April, 1871, he removed to Marion county, Iowa, locating on the site now occupied by the home of our subject. He invested heavily in land and held title to a number of farms, but lived retired for several years before his death, which occurred in the fall of 1876, when he was fifty-six years of age. At the time of the Civil war he furnished a substitute. He was very successful as a farmer both in Pennsylvania and in Iowa and accumulated more than a competence. He and his wife were both members of the Lutheran church. She was also a native of Pennsylvania, her people being early settlers of Schuylkill county, that state. Her father died when he was seventy-two years of age and her mother when eighty-four. All of her ancestors as far back as the line has been traced lived to an advanced age. She herself died in the spring of 1902, when eighty-nine years old. She was the mother of six children, namely: Nelson H., residing upon the outskirts of Knoxville; Levi, who is living retired in Knoxville; Carrie, the wife of Edward Wright, of Fort Collins, Colorado; John W., of this review; Samuel, deceased; and Stephen, of Redwood, California.

John W. Bittenbender attended school in Pennsylvania, as he lived there until a youth of sixteen years. For many years he has kept a large apiary and has exhibited for twenty-seven years at the Iowa State Fair. At the 1914 fair he took one hundred and seventy-one prizes and for a number of years he has been awarded a larger amount of money in premiums than any other exhibitor in his line. He has patented a number of improvements in the structure of bee hives and manufactures hives, which find a large sale. A number of years ago he lost heavily through a severe fire and in the rearrangement of his affairs made necessary by that disaster he embarked in the seed business, which he is conducting at present as well as his apiary. He imports bulbs, seeds, etc., and his goods live up to their name, "All Grow." He has modernly equipped greenhouses and as he understands the effects of variations in soil, heat, light and moisture, and sees that all the conditions are favorable to the growth of his plants, his business is increasing steadily.

Mr. Bittenbender was married in Knoxville to Miss Christine Jordan, who was born in Lee county, Iowa, of German parentage. In

the early days her father sought for gold in California but later settled in Lee county, this state, where he farmed for a number of years. In the later '60s he removed to Marion county, where he resided until his death in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Bittenbender have one son living, William R., who is associated with his father in business. He married Miss Ethel Mark and they have three daughters: Helen, Frances and Collen, aged respectively eight, six and four years.

Mr. Bittenbender of this review, his wife and also their son and daughter-in-law, are members of the Christian church and take a commendable interest in its work. He is a republican and for the past eighteen years has served as township clerk. In addition to his greenhouses, his apiary and his residence Mr. Bittenbender owns a good orchard and several city lots. He has resided in the same block since 1871, although at that date his home was in the country. His warmest friends are those who have known him since his early youth and this is proof of the reliability and uprightness of his character.

ARTHUR B. BROBST.

For almost six decades Arthur B. Brobst has been a resident of Knoxville, arriving here in May, 1855, when a lad of ten summers. He has since been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred as the work of growth, development and improvement has been carried steadily forward. For thirty years he has been engaged in the loan and abstract business and at the present time he is also filling the office of justice of the peace.

Mr. Brobst was born in Catawissa, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1844, and is of German descent, the family having been founded in America by Phillip Brobst, who came from the fatherland to the new world and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania. Representatives of the family served with the American army in the Revolutionary war. Phillip Brobst had three sons: Michael, Martin and Valentine. The first named was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, in 1780, spent his entire life in the Keystone state and died in 1868. He had a family of twelve children, including Christian G. Brobst, who was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of September, 1818. Reared in his native state, he was there married in 1841 to Miss Louisa Brewer, who was born in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, in August, 1821. On removing westward they settled in

Knoxville on the 10th of May, 1855, and the father opened a general store which he conducted until 1868. He then became bookkeeper for Mr. Baker at his elevator and remained in that position until two years prior to his death, which occurred January 18, 1906, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years, four months and two days. He had kept a daily diary for fifty-one years, continuing his writing until within a few days prior to his death. For over sixty years he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He joined the organization in 1845 and in 1895 was presented with a gold medal set with a diamond, this being the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary in the order. He was long the oldest Odd Fellow in the United States in years of continuous connection therewith. His wife passed away June 18, 1911, when about ninety years of age, her birth having occurred in August, 1821. They were people of the highest respectability and were consistent members of the Methodist church. They had but two children, the elder being Albert M., now a resident of San Diego, California.

Arthur B. Brobst acquired a public-school education and on the 18th of July, 1863, when not yet nineteen years of age, enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company L of the Ninth Iowa Infantry, with which he served until the spring of 1866, being a non-commissioned officer at the close of his service. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and returned home with a most creditable military record.

After the war Mr. Brobst clerked in stores for several years until 1876, when he went into the recorder's office to fill the position of deputy, and subsequently he served as deputy clerk. In 1884 he opened an abstract, loan and insurance office, which business he has since continued, gaining a good clientage in that connection. In 1902 he was again called to public office, being elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he yet continues. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial, being based upon the law and the equity of the case. In fact at all times his official record has been most creditable and has won him high encomiums.

On the 16th of September, 1868, Mr. Brobst was united in marriage to Miss Artie Hamrick, of Knoxville, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hamrick, of Illinois. The father held the office of county recorder for two terms, beginning in 1866, and subsequently served for three terms as county clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Brobst are the parents of three children. Barton H., who is associated in business with his father, wedded Miss Ella McMillan, by whom he has a daughter, Marguerite. Roy E., a jeweler of Knoxville, married Miss

Mae McGrew, of Hay Springs, Nebraska, by whom he has had two children: Christian, who was killed by accident in July, 1914, when fifteen years of age; and Leslie, at home. Lovetta is the wife of Arthur Hovey, who is engaged in the map publishing business in Knoxville and by whom she has three sons: Donald, Victor and Howard.

Mr. Brobst and all of his family are members of the Methodist church and take a deep and helpful interest in its work, thus contributing much to the moral progress of the community. In politics he has ever been a stalwart republican, interested and active in the work of the party and doing all in his power to further its success. He holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains close and pleasant connections with the "boys in blue" who defended the Union during the darkest hour in our country's history. He is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Knoxville and since 1873 he has been identified with the Odd Fellows, holding membership in both the lodge and encampment. In all the relations of life his record has commended him to the confidence and good-will of all and wherever he is known he is held in high regard.

JOHN W. KELLY.

John W. Kelly, who owns and operates the homestead on section 21, Knoxville township, was born there on the 10th of March, 1882, a son of the late W. A. Kelly, who is mentioned more at length on another page of this work. The subject of this review was reared in Knoxville township and educated in the common schools. Aside from the knowledge of books so gained he received the greater part of his training at home, learning the practical methods of agriculture under his father's instruction. Since reaching mature years he has followed farming and stock-raising successfully and his farm of ninety-six acres is finely improved and very productive. He raises both grain and stock, making a specialty of Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle. He is up-to-date and progressive and is very energetic, doing everything at the proper time, and his labors are rewarded by a comfortable income from his farm.

Mr. Kelly married in this county Miss Edna Steele, a daughter of George A. Steele, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this

work. Two daughters have been born to this union: Mary Florence, a child of five years; and Lois Lucile, about two years old.

Mr. Kelly is a republican in politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Knoxville and gives his religious adherence to the Methodist Episcopal church at Mount Olive, which he attends. His life has been in all respects straightforward and honorable and in this county where he has always lived he is highly esteemed and respected and has many warm personal friends.

UDELL HENDRICKS.

Udell Hendricks is a well known cigar manufacturer of Pella and through his own efforts and good management has built up a business of gratifying proportions, operated under the name of the Washtella Cigar Company. He was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, on the 26th of March, 1874, and attended the common schools in the acquirement of his education until he was eleven years of age. It was then necessary for him to leave school and earn his own way and he found employment in a cigar factory in his native city. He learned the trade thoroughly and became an expert workman and upon coming to Pella in 1895 started the Washtella Cigar Company, of which he has remained the sole owner. He travels in the interest of his product and has a large trade throughout the state, probably seventy per cent of the output being sold outside of Pella. The business has grown steadily and he now manufactures six hundred thousand cigars yearly, which are made in seven sizes, five selling for five cents each and two with the retail price of ten cents each. The success that Mr. Hendricks has attained is due entirely to his own industry and good judgment as he was early thrown upon his own resources.

In 1898, Mr. Hendricks was married to Miss Byka Brand, a daughter of Nicholas and Mina (Hagans) Brand, who reside upon a farm near Pella. To Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks have been born three children, Verna, Logan Brand and Laurel Dell. Mr. Hendricks is a democrat but has never desired office, his business affairs demanding his entire attention. He is a loyal member of Pella Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M., and of Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, and also belongs to Pella Lodge, No. 270, K. P. He does not belong to any church but has found in his lodge affiliations that emphasis

upon mutual service and helpfulness and that acknowledgment of a supreme power that constitutes the essence of any real religion. In his daily life he has been kind and just and has won the respect of those who have been brought in contact with him.

FRANK CARRUTHERS.

Frank Carruthers, who founded and is the president of the Columbia Savings Bank of Columbia, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, January 3, 1850, a son of Lemuel and Margaret (Phillips) Carruthers, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. In 1854 they arrived in this county and cast in their lot with the early settlers who came to this district when it was still a frontier region. They took up their abode in Washington township upon a farm which Mr. Carruthers entered as a claim from the government and he also bought out two other men. For a time he lived in a log cabin and the family experienced all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life, but later these gave way before the advantages of civilization. The family resided in this county for a long period and here Mrs. Carruthers passed away, but Mr. Carruthers afterward went to the Indian Territory, where his death occurred. In the family were nine children, but only two are now living.

Frank Carruthers remained at home until he attained his majority and afterward he worked at the carpenter's trade for a number of years. Subsequently he took up the occupation of farming and stock-raising and so carefully and wisely directed his efforts in that connection that he won a substantial measure of success. In 1902 he organized the bank of Columbia known as the Columbia Savings Bank and became the president, with his daughter, Miss Claudie Carruthers, as the cashier. The institution has prospered from the beginning and has proven of great convenience to the townspeople and farmers of this locality in the transaction of their business. Mr. Carruthers is still one of the extensive landowners of the county, his possessions aggregating ten hundred and sixty-five acres of land in Washington and Indiana townships, from which he derives a very gratifying annual income. He gives general supervision to his farms and his investments have been most judiciously made.

In 1877 occurred the marriage of Mr. Carruthers and Mrs. Mary E. (Rudisill) Stauts, who was born in Virginia and is a daughter of John and Elisheba (Johnson) Rudisill, who about the year 1856

came with their family to Iowa and settled in Lucas county, where the father entered a claim from the government and began the development of a farm. He continued the cultivation of that place until his death. His widow afterward went to Nebraska and there passed away, but her remains were brought back to Iowa for interment by the side of her husband. To Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers have been born seven children: Claudie, who is now acting as cashier in the bank; Erma, who is now in business in Des Moines; Chauncey, deceased; Louis, who is a resident of Colorado; and Frankie, Marion and Dwight, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Carruthers is an earnest republican, voting for the men and measures of the party and keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served as township trustee and in other local offices and has also been school director. He stands at all times for progress and improvement in public affairs. He is a forceful and resourceful man and has led an active, busy and useful life. His plans are well formulated and carried forward to successful completion and as the years have gone on his labors have brought to him a most gratifying measure of success, which is the direct and merited reward of earnest, persistent labor guided by intelligence.

W. H. STROUD.

W. H. Stroud is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of Marion county that was established here about two-thirds of a century ago. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career, and he is now the owner of a well improved farm comprising eighty acres on section 17, Clay township. His birth occurred in this county on the 27th of November, 1882, his parents being W. L. and Mary C. (Henderson) Stroud, natives of Tennessee and Ohio respectively. The father still owns the land in Marion county that was entered from the government by the paternal grandfather of our subject in 1849. For several years the family lived in a log cabin, experiencing all the hardships and privations of pioneer existence. W. L. Stroud has remained a resident of this county throughout the intervening period of sixty-five years and is well known and highly esteemed as one of its representative agriculturists and esteemed early settlers. To him and his wife were born six children, five of whom still survive.

W. H. Stroud attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. He then took up his abode upon the tract of eighty acres on section 17, Clay township, which he now owns and operates, carrying on general farming and stock-raising with excellent success. The place presents a neat and attractive appearance and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

In 1905 Mr. Stroud was united in marriage to Miss Jessie A. Gregory, a daughter of T. R. and Sarah S. (Rose) Gregory, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Stroud have three children, namely: Merle C., Marion and Dorothy.

Mr. Stroud gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is now serving as a school director, being ever a stalwart champion of the cause of education. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. In the community where his entire life has been spent he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance, and his record therefore cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers. He is a young and enterprising agriculturist whose untiring industry and able management insure continued and growing success.

FRANK CLOE.

Frank Cloe, a well known general farmer and stock-raiser residing on section 15, Knoxville township, is a native son of that township, born May 1, 1860, and a son of James H. and Theresa (Conrey) Cloe. The father was born on the 2d of February, 1827, in Clark county, Kentucky, and when a small boy was taken by his parents to Vermilion county, Illinois, where he lived until 1849. In that year he came to Iowa and entered land in this county soon after his arrival here. He had previously visited this state in 1844. He located upon his property in 1852 and lived there until the spring of 1887. He was the owner of what is known as the Spring Hill Stock Farm, which he operated successfully from the spring of 1865 until 1885. He was the first breeder of shorthorn cattle here and shipped the first carload of fat cattle from Marion county to the eastern markets. In 1887 he removed to Rawlins county, Kansas,

where he engaged in the feed, flour and live stock business at Blakeman, and he passed away in the Sunflower state on the 17th of March, 1904, when past seventy-seven years of age. While living in Illinois he made several trips on flat boats to New Orleans and back, going down the Ohio to its junction with the Mississippi and thence to the Crescent city. He was also for a time foreman of a department in a packing house at Vincennes, Indiana. His life work, however, was that of a stock raiser and shipper and he was well known in that connection. He was a republican in political belief and in 1880 was elected county treasurer, serving his term with credit to himself. For ten years he was president of the Marion County Agricultural Society and during that time the organization did much to further the interests of the farmers of the county. In 1851 he became a Mason and attained the chapter degrees. He was a member of the Christian church and guided his life by its teachings.

James H. Cloe was married three times, his first union being with Miss Elizabeth Keenan, who became his wife in 1852 and she passed away four years later, leaving a daughter, Charlotte, who is now the wife of James Rice, a resident of Nebraska. Later Mr Cloe wedded Miss Theresa Conrey, who was born in Ohio or Illinois and was a daughter of John Conrey, one of the pioneers of Marion county, Iowa. He was prominent in public affairs and was a delegate to the constitutional convention from this county. Mrs. Theresa Cloe died in February, 1874, in the faith of the Christian church. She left seven children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest. The others are: Mrs. Amanda Masteller, a resident of Centerville, Iowa; Edward, of Alliance, Nebraska; James, living in Blakeman, Kansas; John, who is a resident of Fremont county, Iowa; Sylvia, deceased; and Bertha, now Mrs. D. O. Bye, of Alliance, Nebraska. Mr. Cloe's third union was with Miss Elizabeth McKern, who died leaving two children: Ansel, of Alliance, Nebraska; and Alma, now Mrs. Frank Craig, of Knoxville township, this county.

Frank Cloe passed the days of his boyhood and youth in this township and was a student in Professor McKee's Academy at Knoxville, thus acquiring a good education. He followed in the steps of his father, becoming a stockman, and shipped cattle extensively from this county and western Iowa for ten years, or until 1889. At that time he was elected sheriff of Marion county on the republican ticket and devoted his entire attention to the duties of that office. Since his term expired he has engaged in general farming and in the stock

business. He owns two hundred and forty acres of excellent land on section 15, Knoxville township, where he has resided for the past fourteen years and has made a number of improvements thereon. He has excellent business judgment and manages well his affairs and, as he understands the principles underlying agriculture and is an excellent judge of stock, his activities yield him a good return annually.

Mr. Cloe was married in March, 1884, to Miss Clara B. Wilson, a daughter of Thomas Wilson, who is living at Knoxville at the age of eighty-one years. Mrs. Cloe was born in this county and has passed her entire life here. To her marriage with the subject of this review have been born two children. Carl W., an attorney of Knoxville, is a graduate of the State University of Iowa and of the Chicago University Law School and was admitted to the bar of Iowa in October, 1914. While attending the State University of Iowa he was captain of Company E of the Iowa cadets there and was for four years a member of the National Guard of Iowa. Rhea Lucile is at home. She studied music at Drake University, Des Moines, at the State University of Nebraska at Lincoln and for one semester at the State University of Wisconsin at Madison and has taught piano.

The family are members of the Christian church of Pleasant Ridge, Knoxville township, and are of much help in carrying on the church work. Mr. Cloe is a Knight Templar Mason, holding his membership in the commandery at Knoxville, and his son is also a member of the craft. His daughter belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and to a sorority of Knoxville. Mr. Cloe has consistently supported the republican party at the polls since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He is one of the substantial residents of his township and in the private relations of life and as a citizen has measured up to high standards of manhood.

DANIEL A. McTAGGART.

For the past seventeen years Daniel A. McTaggart has lived retired at Knoxville but for many years was actively engaged as a farmer and stockman. He has lived in Marion county since 1864 and is widely known and highly respected. He was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1846, a son of Neil and Catherine (Loyn-

achan) McTaggart, who were born in Argyleshire, Scotland, and came to America in their youth, settling in Washington county, Ohio, where they were married. The father followed farming there until 1864, when he removed to this county, where he likewise devoted his time to agricultural pursuits. He died here in 1894, when eighty-three years of age. The mother passed away in Ohio while still young. Both were Presbyterians but the father in his later life became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To their union were born nine children, of whom four sons survive, the brothers of our subject being: A. H., a resident of Illinois; and E. D. and E. H., both living in Omaha, Nebraska.

Daniel A. McTaggart was reared and educated in Ohio and there learned approved methods of agriculture under the instruction of his father. He accompanied the latter to this county in 1864, when a youth of eighteen years, and has since resided here. After his marriage, which occurred in 1871, he purchased a tract of land eight miles east of Knoxville, paying twelve dollars and a half per acre. He began with limited resources but as he worked industriously, managed his business affairs well and saved something every year, he prospered financially and from time to time added to his land until he eventually became one of the substantial residents of the county. He still owns four hundred acres of land in Knoxville and Clay townships and owns his fine residence in the city of Knoxville, which he erected himself, and also has other residence property in the city.

Mr. McTaggart was married in 1871 to Miss Louisa J. Harsin, who was born in this county, April 17, 1851, a daughter of G. W. and Emily (Iler) Harsin. Her father was born and reared in Kentucky but in 1843 came to this county and took up a claim two miles north of the present site of Durham and nine miles east of Knoxville. His farm comprised some three hundred acres of land. He resided there until his death, which occurred in 1893, when he was seventy-two years of age. His enterprise is indicated by the fact that in order to be able to do business with the Dutch colony in this county he assisted the Rev. Mr. Scholte and learned the Dutch language from him. Mr. Harsin was a Methodist in his religious belief, as was his wife, who was of English descent and died November 30, 1914, at eighty-five years of age. Her memory was unimpaired and she was remarkably active for one of her years. In the Harsin family were five children including Mrs. McTaggart, the others being: F. M., of Rocky Ford, Colorado; G. G., of Nampa, Idaho; J. D., living near Durham, this county; and Minnie, who resides in Knoxville. Mrs.

McTaggart was reared in this county and was a school teacher for a number of years. She and her sisters were taught to card wool and also to spin and weave, an accomplishment rare in this day. Mr. and Mrs. McTaggart have two children: Blanche, who is at home and is teaching school in Knoxville; and Katie, also at home.

Mr. McTaggart is a republican and is keenly interested in matters of public concern. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his wife and daughters are members of the Rebekahs. His residence, which is at No. 702 Roche street, is one of the commodious and well designed homes of Knoxville and is a frequent meeting place for the many friends of the family. The parents and daughters are all identified with the forces that make for civic advancement and the welfare of the community and are esteemed by all who know them.

W. H. LOWMAN.

W. H. Lowman, cashier of the Bussey Savings Bank, has made good use of his time, talents and opportunities and has thereby steadily advanced since starting out in business life on his own account. He was born in Knox county, Illinois, near Galesburg, on the 17th of April, 1864, and is a son of William and Martha (Rolfe) Lowman. In the spring of 1875 the family arrived in Iowa, settling first in Mahaska county, where the mother passed away about twenty years ago. The father, however, still survives.

W. H. Lowman was reared in that county and is indebted to its public-school system for the educational advantages which he enjoyed. In 1908 he came to Marion county to assume his present position as cashier of the Bussey Savings Bank and has here since remained, covering a period of six years. This bank was organized on the 7th of October, 1907, its founders and original stockholders being H. P. Way, R. M. Boyer, James A. Bussey, W. H. Lowman and Dr. J. W. Anderson. The bank was capitalized for twenty thousand dollars and the first officers were: James A. Bussey, president; R. M. Boyer, vice president; and W. H. Lowman, cashier. No change has been made on the official board since. The present bank building was completed in the fall of 1914, on the same site as the original home of the institution, and it is one of the finest bank buildings to be seen in any of the smaller towns of the state, being well appointed and thoroughly equipped. Mr. Lowman, like his fellow

officers, has made a study of banking conditions and he is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the business, his efforts contributing largely to the success of the institution.

In December, 1884, Mr. Lowman was united in marriage to Miss Belle Havener, a daughter of John and Harriett Havener, who took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Mahaska county in 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Lowman have four children, namely: Fred, Frank, Nellie and Floyd.

Mr. Lowman is in no sense a politician but gives his political support to the democratic party and takes a general interest in public affairs, cooperating heartily in many plans and movements which have resulted beneficially to the community. He is a Mason, belonging to the lodge and to the Eastern Star, and he also has membership with the Woodmen of the World. During the period of his residence in Bussey he has become widely and favorably known, and the circle of his friends is constantly broadening as the circle of his acquaintance increases.

J. H. FITZGERALD.

On the list of those who have passed away but who during active life were numbered among the most worthy citizens in Marion county, taking part in its pioneer development and in its later progress, was J. H. Fitzgerald, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, September 29, 1828. His parents were Jesse and Sarah (Taggart) Fitzgerald. The family became residents of Black Hawk county, Iowa, about 1845 and some years later removed to Marion county, where the parents spent their remaining days. At length, called to their final rest, their remains were interred in one of the cemeteries of this county.

J. H. Fitzgerald spent his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and his training was that of the energetic farm lad who is taught the value of industry and perseverance. In his youthful days much of the farm work that is now done by machinery was accomplished by hand and his youth was a period of earnest and unremitting toil. He always followed the occupation to which he was reared and at one time was the owner of one hundred and fifteen acres of rich and productive land, which he carefully cultivated and improved, making it a valuable farm.

On the 1st of August, 1858, Mr. Fitzgerald was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Lemmon, a daughter of Elias and Catherine Lemmon, who were pioneers of this county, coming here in 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald became the parents of eight children, J. D., Elias, Charles, John, Jane, Henry, Sarah and Alice. Of this number four are still living, Elias, John, Sarah and Henry having passed away.

Mr. Fitzgerald was a republican in his political views and kept informed concerning the questions and issues of the day but did not seek nor desire office, his entire time being given to his farm work. He was, however, interested in public affairs that pertained to the improvement and upbuilding of the community and was recognized as a public-spirited citizen. He served as a school director and the cause of education found in him a stalwart friend. He guided his life by the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church and was honored wherever known. His widow, who was born November 1, 1834, and has therefore reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey, still survives and since the death of her husband, which occurred on the 12th of September, 1902, she has removed to Attica, where she is now living.

W. H. FOWLER.

W. H. Fowler has done as much as any other man to advance the business and commercial interests of Pella and in many other ways has left his impress upon the life of the city. He is the owner and manager of the Fowler Telephone Company and for a number of years owned the electric light plant which supplies the city with light and power, and is the president of the Pella Commercial Club, which he organized in 1908 and which has since been a leading factor in the development of the city. Mr. Fowler was born in England in 1874, a son of Frederick and Ann (Ayers) Fowler, who in 1884 took their family to Canada.

Mr. Fowler of this review remained in that country until he was a youth of eighteen years and then, in 1892, came to Pella, Iowa. For seven years he attended the Central University of Iowa, which is located here. Shortly after leaving school, or in 1900, he organized the Fowler Telephone Company. While still a boy in his teens he had mechanical experience in Montreal in connection with fire

alarms and in the employ of railroads, and this had given him an insight into that line of work and also proved that he possessed considerable mechanical skill and ingenuity. His undoubted executive ability, however, has been the determining factor in his marked success as a promoter. The Fowler Telephone Company was the first telephone company in Pella and started with twenty telephones. Mr. Fowler himself installed the equipment and for a time did practically all of the work of the company. In 1900 the first rural line was put up and extended fourteen miles, serving six telephones. The first farmer who subscribed for a telephone was seven miles from the city and considerable difficulty was experienced in securing the other five. At the end of the first year there were sixty telephones installed altogether, but six of these were in the country. For the first five years the growth was slow but at the end of that time the value of the system was apparent to all and the number of telephones in use increased rapidly. At present there are nine hundred subscribers, over half of whom are farmers. The company has one hundred miles of line, thirty of which is toll line. In the past three years all of the wires serving business telephones have been put under ground, thus lessening the danger from live wires and increasing the beauty of the city streets. The company now has a force of eight regular employees besides those whose services it requires at especially busy times. In 1914 the company was incorporated by Mr. Fowler. The first office was at the corner of Main and Franklin streets, but in 1909 the headquarters were removed to a fine brick building at No. 713 Main street.

For four years Mr. Fowler owned the local electric light plant, but abandoned that enterprise when the city opened a municipal plant. In 1911 he organized the Pella Commercial Club and has since served as its president. In the past three years the club has raised over ten thousand dollars for the advancement of the city's interests and conducted a vigorous campaign of advertising, doing all in its power to secure new industries for the city and to stimulate the growth of those already here. It originated the "White Way" picnic, held in 1913, which brought fifteen thousand people to Pella and which presented the attractions of the city in a most effective manner. Many of the visitors came in automobiles and it was estimated that there were one thousand cars in the city from outside. The organization has sixty members, comprising the majority of the up-to-date and progressive business men of the city, and its achievements since its reorganization are but a small factor of the things it hopes to accomplish for Pella.

On the 20th of January, 1914, Mr. Fowler was united in marriage with Miss Otha W. Stephenson, of Des Moines, a daughter of Dr. H. M. Stephenson, of Perry, Iowa. Mr. Fowler is a republican in his political belief and shares that new civic conscience which makes for a general interest in the affairs of government and the securing of efficiency in the management of public affairs. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree. He holds membership in Pella Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M.; Des Moines Consistory, No. 3; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Order of Mystic Shrine. Mr. Fowler is widely known not only in the city of Pella, but throughout the entire county and his ability as an orator, executive and financier is universally conceded, while his splendid qualities of character have won him many sincere and loyal friends.

JAMES W. NORRIS.

The fine condition of his farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 11, Union township, indicates the energy and good management of James W. Norris, a well known agriculturist of this county. He pays considerable attention to the raising of stock and has registered animals at the head of his herd. He was born in Delaware county, Ohio, on the 13th of August, 1872, a son of Charles T. and Minnie (McMaster) Norris. The father was born in Delaware county in 1841 and the mother, who was a native of the same county, was born in 1846. They were married in the Buckeye state and came to Iowa in 1874, settling in Harrison county. They subsequently removed to Oklahoma and thence to the state of Washington, where they now live. To their union were born eight children, the subject of this review being the fourth in order of birth. All are living save one. The father fought for two or three years in the Civil war as a member of the Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was honorably discharged at the end of that time as he had been crippled in the service.

James W. Norris was brought to Iowa by his parents when but two and one-half years old and was educated in Monona county, first attending the country schools and later the Onawa high school. At the age of twenty-one his father admitted him to partnership in the operation of the home farm and when twenty-six years of age he was married to Miss Wanda Teter, a daughter of Samuel and Mary

(Harriett) Teter, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Her father was born in Union township, this county, in October, 1855, and her mother in Ohio. They were married in Iowa and all of their children were born in the same house in this county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Teter are still living. Mrs. Norris is the second in order of birth in their family of eight and her natal day was June 1, 1881. The family subsequently removed to Kansas, where she was educated. She was married to Mr. Norris in Oklahoma in 1899 and they resided there for four years and for two years made their home in Kansas.

In 1905 they came to this county and Mr. Norris purchased the farm which he now owns and operates. He has made all of the improvements upon the place and it is one of the well developed and valuable farms of the county. He follows general farming and raises a high grade of stock, having registered animals at the head of his herd. He is a democrat in his political belief and is much interested in all that pertains to the public welfare. The sincerity of his life and the uprightness of his purpose have gained him the respect and esteem of all who have been brought in contact with him.

WILLIAM G. VANDER PLOEG.

William G. Vander Ploeg is a member of the Knoxville bar and in the practice of his profession has won a degree of success that many an older attorney might well envy. Marion county claims him as a native son, his birth having here occurred on the 27th of December, 1881, his parents being Ruard and Pietje (Terpstra) Vander Ploeg, the former a native of Holland and the latter of New York. The paternal grandfather, Dirk Vander Ploeg, brought the family to the new world in 1854 and the following year the father of our subject arrived in Marion county, where he followed the occupation of farming for many years but is now living retired, making his home in Pella.

William G. Vander Ploeg is one of a family of ten children, of whom eight are yet living. He was reared in the Holland settlement near Pella and acquired a public-school education, after which he continued his studies in the Central College at Pella. Having determined upon the practice of law as a life work, he became a student in the State University and was graduated from the law department with the class of 1903. He then located for practice at

Pella, where he remained until January, 1911, when he removed to Knoxville and opened an office. He continues in the general practice of law and is a strong and able member of the bar, preparing his cases with thoroughness, presenting his cause with clearness and exactness and when necessary citing precedent and principle with accuracy.

On the 21st of September, 1911, Mr. Vander Ploeg was united in marriage to Miss Carrie L. Cox, of Pella, her parents being J. M. and Luella Cox. Mr. Vander Ploeg holds membership in Pella Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M., in Tadmor Chapter, R. A. M., of Knoxville, and Melita Commandery, K. T., exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. His political allegiance is given the republican party and he keeps well versed on the questions and issues of the day. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church. He is a young man of genuine personal worth, his life being guided by high and honorable principles in both professional and social relations.

JAMES M. AMOS.

For the past twenty years James M. Amos has been identified with the business life of Knoxville and is now the proprietor of a large livery and sales stable, having upon an average forty-five horses of his own in the stable. Altogether he owns seventy-five horses. He has an ambulance, runs a bus and transfer line and is prepared for furnishing cabs for funerals. Mr. Amos was born in Union township on the 30th of September, 1852, a son of Pleasant and Celia A. (Ballard) Amos, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Indiana. The father came with his parents to Marion county in the late '40s and his father, who passed away in this county, was among the first settlers to secure land. Pleasant Amos, who was a farmer of Union township, died in 1854 when only twenty-eight years of age. His widow, who was born in Indiana, married the second time, becoming the wife of John Butcher, by whom she had eight children, six sons and two daughters, but only two sons survive, namely: Richard, living near Indianola, Iowa; and Osa, of Swan township, this county, residing upon the old home place. The mother is still living in Knoxville and is in good health, although about eighty years of age.

James M. Amos was the only child born to his parents and was reared in Union township. As the schools in pioneer days only lasted a few months in the winter and as he was compelled to spend most of his time in assisting with the work at home, his education was somewhat limited. After his marriage he farmed in Union township for a number of years, but for the past twenty years he has lived in Knoxville. For two years he was deputy sheriff and subsequently was elected sheriff of the county, receiving all but three votes in his township irrespective of party. The nomination came to him unsolicited and was a tribute to his fitness for the office. His service was so acceptable that he was reelected, serving in all four years as sheriff. For nine years he dealt in stock, buying and shipping a large number of animals annually. He buys horses and has sold many fine animals at public sale. In addition to the buying and selling of horses and the renting of horses and vehicles by the hour or day, he runs a bus and transfer line, a dray line, and also does hospital work. He gives especial attention to furnishing horses and the necessary vehicles for funerals and his service is always satisfactory. All of these various phases of his business are well managed and yield him a profit annually.

In 1871 Mr. Amos was married to Miss Mary A. Davis, who was born and reared in Union township. Her parents were Phillip and Esther Davis, early settlers of that township, both of whom are deceased. Two sisters of Mrs. Amos reside in this county, Mrs. S. O. Harmon and Mrs. Harry Cooper. To Mr. and Mrs. Amos have been born three children: Mellicena, who married Charles Bridges and died September 22, 1900; Mrs. James Cunningham, residing at Knoxville, where Mr. Cunningham owns a billiard and poolroom; and Connard D., living in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he is in the wholesale fruit business. The last named married Miss Sophronia Bitzel, a native of Marion county, and they have become parents of three children, the oldest of whom died in infancy. Those living are Mary Adla and Elizabeth Josephine.

Mrs. Amos is a Methodist and takes great interest in the work of the church. Mr. Amos has supported the measures and candidates of the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has for many years taken an active part in politics. For twelve years he was justice of the peace in Union township and for nine years served as trustee of that township. As previously stated, he was for two years deputy sheriff of the county and for two terms sheriff. In all of his official connections he has proved as faithful to trust and as upright as in his private life. Fraternally he

is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. His business integrity is above question and his personal honor is unimpeachable, and the respect in which he is held by his fellowmen is fully merited.

CHRISTOPHER C. SHARON.

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Mr. Conrey married Miss Lola Collins, a niece of La Fayette Collins, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. To this union three children have been born: Forest, Frances and Fred, all in school. The eldest is a native of Nebraska and the others of Knoxville. Mrs. Conrey is a member of the Christian church, while the children attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Conrey is a republican in his political belief and has served as a member of the city council. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic order and his wife is a Rebekah. Their residence, which is at No. 421 First street, is commodious and well planned and friends of the family often meet there. Mr. Conrey has transacted business with many, but there is no one who can accuse him of unjust treatment, as he invariably lives up to the highest standards of business ethics and deals justly with all.

C. N. BOS, M. D.

For the past nine years Dr. C. N. Bos has been engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery in Pella and in that time has become recognized as one of the leaders in his profession in the city. He was born in Chicago in 1876, a son of N. K. and Jennie (Klooster) Bos, natives of The Netherlands. In 1872 they crossed the Atlantic and upon landing in this country made their way direct to Chicago, where they located. The father had been a gardener and dairyman in his native land and in 1887 he removed to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he continued to engage in those occupations and where he and his wife still live.

Dr. Bos was given excellent educational advantages. As a boy and youth he attended the public schools of Chicago and later took a course in the Athenaeum Business College of that city. Upon deciding to make the practice of medicine his life work he entered the

Medical College of the Northwestern University, which is also located in Chicago, and received his professional degree from that institution in 1904. He desired to make thorough preparation before entering upon independent practice and so served for nineteen months as interne at the Iowa State Hospital, located at Independence. In 1905 he came to Pella and has since been engaged in active practice here. He is an able and conscientious physician and has won the confidence of both the general public and his colleagues. He takes a personal interest in his patients' recovery and has been very successful in his treatment of various diseases, relieving where it has been impossible to effect a permanent cure. He is a member of the state and county medical societies and of the American Medical Association and thus keeps informed as to what other members of the profession are doing. In 1913 he took a course at the Illinois Post Graduate Medical College, in Chicago, and he is constantly striving to learn more of the science and practice of medicine and to give his patients the benefit of the latest discoveries and most improved methods of treatment.

On the 15th of June, 1905, Dr. Bos was married to Miss Emma Grace Chase, of Anna, Illinois, a daughter of Charles Chase, and to this union have been born two sons, Myron and Howard. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Second Reformed church. He is a progressive in politics, as he believes that that party has the most comprehensive and wisest plan for securing that social justice and permanent prosperity which is the desire of all right-thinking men. He is always willing to assist in any way within his power in movements that seek the welfare of Pella and has thoroughly identified himself with the interests of the city.

JOHN McMILLAN.

John McMillan, who is a successful farmer of Marion county, was born March 24, 1867, in Clay township, this county, a son of T. T. McMillan, a well known general merchant of Durham. Our subject grew to manhood in his native township and received his education in the district schools. Upon reaching years of maturity he decided to make agricultural pursuits his life work and is now the owner of one hundred and twenty-three acres of fine land in this county. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and as his

methods are progressive and his industry untiring he is meeting with marked success.

Mr. McMillan was married on the 23d of January, 1895, to Miss Nora A. Parsons, a daughter of Handy and Easter Parsons. Mr. McMillan gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is never remiss in any of the duties of citizenship. He is an enthusiastic member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and finds the guiding rule of his life in the teaching of that order, that men are brothers and that a fraternal spirit should govern their relations with each other. His ability as an agriculturist is conceded by all and the number of his friends leaves no doubt as to his attractive social qualities and the integrity of his character.

JOSEPH W. FINARTY, M. D.

Dr. Joseph W. Finarty has been a prominent general practitioner of medicine in Knoxville for many years and holds the confidence of the public and of his professional colleagues. He was born in Mason county, Virginia, on the 16th of January, 1848, a son of Joseph and Emily (Day) Finarty, both likewise natives of the Old Dominion. As his father died on the 17th of January, 1849, he was reared by his paternal grandfather, who was also named Joseph and was born in Maryland of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He served in the War of 1812, taking part in the battle of Lundys Lane, and during the Civil war enlisted in Company G, Forty-seventh Iowa Volunteers, serving for two years. He came to Pella in 1850 and passed away there in 1871. By occupation he was a farmer. The mother of Dr. Finarty married Allen Lester after the death of her first husband.

Dr. Finarty was given a public-school education in his boyhood and at the time of the Civil war enlisted in Company D, Sixty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, remaining with his command until the close of the struggle. He then entered the Central University of Iowa, at Pella, and while pursuing his course there read medicine. He subsequently entered the College of Physicians & Surgeons, at Keokuk, from which he was graduated in 1871. He has never considered his professional education complete and in 1883 took a post-graduate course in the Polyclinic of Chicago and in 1901 studied at the Polyclinic in New York. He began practice at Dallas, this state, in 1871, but thirteen years later came to Knoxville, where he has

since resided. In the thirty years that he has lived here he has built up a large and lucrative practice and has won a reputation for the successful treatment of disease. He is thoroughly progressive and up-to-date and is a valued member of the state and county medical societies and the American Medical Association.

In 1867 Dr. Finarty married Miss Mary E. Auld, of Knoxville, a daughter of James Auld, who removed to this state from Ohio in pioneer times. To Dr. Finarty and his wife have been born four children, but James Carl and Walter R. are deceased. Arthur C. was graduated from the Barnes Medical College of St. Louis in 1889 and also pursued a course in the Polyclinic of Chicago, but is now engaged in farming in this county. Harry is also an agriculturist in this county.

Dr. Finarty is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church and is well known in fraternal circles, belonging to Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M.; Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M.; Milites Commandery, K. T., all of Knoxville; and to the consistory and the Mystic Shrine at Des Moines. For six years he has been high priest of the chapter. He also holds membership in the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served as chairman of the republican central committee of this county. For many years he has been active in the Iowa National Guard and was made captain of Company D, Fifty-fifth Regiment, on the 8th of January, 1912. In 1914 he retired, having reached the age limit. His life has been a busy one and he has contributed to the welfare and progress of his community in a number of ways. His name is held in high honor in Knoxville and he has a host of personal friends.

SAMPSON COOPER.

Sampson Cooper, deceased, was for many years a well known and representative farmer of Union township and when he passed away, when about seventy-one years of age, his death was deeply deplored by many of his friends and neighbors. He was born in North Carolina on the 12th of December, 1835, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cooper. His parents, however, died when he was but a small boy and he always had to make his own way in the world from that time forward. He cast his lot with Iowa's pioneer settlers at an early period in the development and progress of the state. His atten-

tion was given to farm work until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit was aroused and prompted his enlistment for service at the front. He joined Company E, Sixth Iowa Infantry, and was honorably discharged at Springfield, Missouri, on account of ill health, after which he returned to his home.

It was on the 8th of December, 1862, that Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Lydia M. Goodwin, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Vinson and Elizabeth (Empson) Goodwin. The father came to Iowa in 1850 and developed the farm in Union township, on which Mr. and Mrs. Cooper lived. Mr. Goodwin remained in Marion county to the time of his death, being classed with its representative citizens and progressive farmers. Here he reared his family, which numbered five children, two of whom are yet living. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were born six children, the eldest, who died in infancy; Mary E., also deceased; W. V.; G. G., a resident of Nebraska; Carl W., who has departed this life; and Cora, the wife of Clark Stewart, of Buxton, Iowa.

Mr. Cooper followed the occupation of farming and brought his land under a high state of cultivation, while annually he gathered good harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon the fields. He passed away on the 28th of August, 1906. Mrs. Cooper owns one hundred acres of land in Union township and a fine residence in Hamilton. She has a wide acquaintance in this county and her circle of friends is almost coextensive therewith. She and her husband traveled life's journey together for almost forty-five years and his death came as an irreparable loss to his family.

CHARLES L. HARDMAN.

There are many in Iowa who are interested in raising the standard of stock and who are doing much along that line and among these must be named Charles L. Hardman, a resident of Knoxville, who owns a quarter section of land eight miles north of the city and there engages in the breeding of high grade draft horses. He keeps Percheron, Belgian and Shire horses and owns three of the best stallions in the county. His best Shire horse has taken premiums at various Iowa State Fairs and has taken the sweepstake several times in Illinois.

Mr. Hardman was born in Ritchie county, Virginia, now a part of West Virginia, September 24, 1854, a son of Asbury Poole and

Thankful Ann (Goff) Hardman, who spent their entire lives there. The father farmed near Frederick's Mill and died at his home in Ritchie county in July, 1903. In his family were eleven children, five daughters and six sons who grew to maturity besides two who died in infancy. Charles L. Hardman has one sister in this county, Mrs. Luella Sutherland.

Joseph Hardman, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany about 1750 and as a young man emigrated to America with relatives and friends. About 1773 he arrived in Baltimore and a year later went to Georgetown, Maryland. He married Miss Dorcas Riddel and settled near the Washington estates, becoming personally acquainted with George Washington. During the Revolution he served in the Continental army. Subsequently he removed to Fredericksburg, Virginia, and there engaged in the butcher business for several years, after which he went to Randolph county, Virginia, and after a short stay there removed to Gilmer county, where he remained for years and where he probably died. Two of his sons, James and Benjamin Hardman, married daughters of Thomas and Phoebe Cunningham, who were the first settlers in the vicinity of Frederick's Mill. The subject of this review is a grandson of James and Phoebe (Cunningham) Hardman. The grandfather was born in the Old Dominion, November 14, 1795, and at the age of eighteen he enlisted as a soldier in the War of 1812, taking his father's place and remaining in the service for a year. He was a lay minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and gave the land for the cemetery and church in West Virginia which bears his name, Hardman's Chapel. In 1816 he was married to Miss Cunningham, who was born in Lewis county, Virginia, August 10, 1795, and died at their home near Hardman's Chapel, July 3, 1871. Mr. Hardman survived her for three years, passing away in 1874. Many prominent men in various parts of the country are descendants of this old Virginia family.

The boyhood of Charles L. Hardman was passed in the locality where he was born and there he remained until a youth of nineteen years, when he came to Iowa. For some time he followed the carpenter's trade and gained a reputation as an excellent workman. He first arrived in Marion county in March, 1874, and remained here six years, after which he removed to McPherson county, Kansas, where he lived until December, 1891, when he came again to this county, and he has ever since made it his home. He resided upon his farm of one hundred and twenty acres of fine land four and one-half miles southeast of Knoxville until March, 1908, when he

removed to his present residence in the city. While living in the country he raised stock but not so extensively as he has done since removing to Knoxville. For the last five years he has concentrated his attention upon the breeding of blooded draft horses, raising all of the standard draft breeds, including Percheron, Belgian and Shire horses. He has three of the finest stallions in the county and his English Shire horse has not only taken many premiums at Iowa State Fairs, but has also taken the sweepstake at the Illinois State Fair. He is widely known as a successful breeder of horses and finds sale for his animals over a wide territory. In 1913 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land eight miles north of Knoxville, where he now carries on operations.

Mr. Hardman was married in this county on the 21st of September, 1875, to Miss Euradice Welch, a daughter of Nimrod and Elizabeth (Moore) Welch, both natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where they were married in 1840. Four of their children were born there but in 1849 the family removed to Mahaska county, Iowa, where Mrs. Hardman was born. In 1853 they came to Marion county, settling in Knoxville township upon a farm four and one-half miles southeast of the city of Knoxville. Both passed away there, the father in 1895, at the age of eighty years and six months, and the mother on the 11th of August, 1862, at the age of forty-eight years. He was a farmer by occupation and they were Presbyterians in religious faith and held the respect of their fellow-men in full measure. Seven of their children reached maturity, the six besides Mrs. Hardman being: Mrs. Margaret Bowman, of Little Falls, Minnesota; Mrs. Mary Loynachan, of San Diego, California; Watson H., who died many years ago at Council Bluffs, this state; Robert M., a representative farmer who passed away in this county in 1906; D. Oscar, of Sioux City, Nebraska; and William A., of Florida. A daughter, Sarah J., died in 1855, when a girl of thirteen years. Mrs. Hardman was educated in the common schools of Iowa and for a few years prior to her marriage was a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardman are Presbyterians and he has served as elder for the last thirty years. His political allegiance is given to the republican party as he believes its principles most conducive to general and permanent prosperity. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Odd Fellows lodge at Knoxville and also the encampment. Both he and his wife belong to the Rebekahs. He has achieved notable success in the breeding of fine horses and has the satisfaction of knowing that he has not only gained personal prosperity and an enviable reputation in his line, but has also aided in raising the

standard of stock throughout this section of Iowa. He is popular as a man, his many friends holding him in warm regard because of his open-heartedness and strict integrity.

J. ROBERT WRIGHT, M. D.

Dr. J. Robert Wright is one of the younger members of the medical profession at Knoxville but already his ability is gaining him gratifying recognition in a growing practice. This is his native city, his birth having occurred in Knoxville, December 5, 1884, his parents being Dr. W. E. and Melcina M. (Woodruff) Wright, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Peter Wright, was one of the pioneer settlers of this county, and Dr. W. E. Wright, brought to Iowa in his early boyhood, pursued his education in the public schools of Marion county. He afterward prepared for medical practice by a course in the Keokuk Medical College and then opened an office in Knoxville, where he remained in continuous practice to the time of his death, which occurred June 19, 1901. His widow survives and is one of the highly esteemed residents of Knoxville, where she has a warm circle of friends. Dr. Wright was a member of the Masonic fraternity. In their family were eight children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: Willa, the wife of George T. Underhill, a resident of Knoxville; Jessie, the wife of W. S. Bilby, who makes his home in Nebraska; Ed F., living in Cedar Rapids; Kate, the wife of James Wilcox, whose home is in Missoula, Montana; Jacqueline, at home; and J. Robert.

At the usual age the last named began his education in the public schools of Knoxville, passing through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school. He later pursued his more specifically literary course in the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then spent three years in the study of medicine at Iowa City and later entered the medical department of the University of Louisville in Kentucky, from which he was graduated in 1913. He then returned to Knoxville and has since engaged in general practice.

Dr. Wright is a member of the Marion County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and politically is a democrat with independent tendencies. He is well

known in the city in which his entire life has been passed and the place which he has already won as a medical practitioner makes his record in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country.

THOMAS T. McMILLAN.

Thomas T. McMillan, who has continuously resided in Marion county for the past six decades, was identified with agricultural and mercantile pursuits while still an active factor in the business world, but for the past three years has lived retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 10th of February, 1840, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Breckenridge) McMillan, both of whom were natives of Scotland. They emigrated to the United States about 1834, first locating in Dayton, Ohio, and subsequently removing to Indiana. In 1854 they came to Marion county, Iowa, and took up their abode on a farm in Clay township, while later they removed to Knoxville, this county, where both passed away. They were the parents of five children, four of whom survive.

Thomas T. McMillan received his education in the common schools and was a youth of fourteen when his parents established their home in this county. In October, 1861, when twenty-one years of age, he joined the Union army as a member of Company K, Third Iowa Cavalry, with which command he served for three years. At the end of that time he was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, and though often in the thickest of the fight and never faltering in the performance of any task assigned him, he escaped injury of any kind. After returning to Marion county he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and subsequently opened a general store at Durham which he conducted successfully for a period of thirty years. In 1911 he disposed of his mercantile interests and has since lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former labor in well earned ease. He owns a nice residence in the village of Durham and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and respected citizens of the community.

Mr. McMillan has been married twice. In 1861 he wedded Miss Jennie Jones, by whom he had one child, Mary, who is now the wife of O. W. Squires and resides in New York city. The mother passed away in 1862 and four years later Mr. McMillan

was again married, his second union being with Miss Sarah C. Monroe, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Duncan and Janet (Loynachan) Monroe, who were born in Scotland. They came to Iowa in 1854 and in this state spent the remainder of their lives. To Thomas T. and Sarah C. (Monroe) McMillan have been born the following children: John, who is married and makes his home in Marion county, Iowa; Fred, of Regina, Canada, a yardmaster with the Canadian Pacific Railroad; James, who has passed away, leaving a widow and two children living at Boulder, Colorado; Jean, the wife of L. A. Whaley, of Burlington, Iowa; Thomas, who is deceased; Charles, who is married and resides in Keokuk, Iowa; Jennie, who gave her hand in marriage to R. J. McLees; and Frank D., who travels from Keokuk, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. McMillan is a republican, ever remaining a stanch supporter of the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He has held several township offices and has ever discharged his public duties in a prompt and capable manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Knoxville post of the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. McMillan has now passed the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey and receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

MATHYS VERROS.

Mathys Verros, a worthy native son and prosperous agriculturist of Marion county, has devoted his attention to farming throughout his entire business career and is now the owner of six hundred and eighty-seven acres of valuable land on section 6, Clay township. His birth occurred on the 22d day of October, 1857, his parents being Teunis and Nettie (Vanclotwick) Verros, both of whom were natives of Holland. They emigrated to the United States in 1848 and made their way direct to Marion county, Iowa, here spending the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of eleven children, six of whom survive.

Mathys Verros acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. He cultivated a rented farm for six years and on the expiration of that period purchased a tract of land in Mahaska county, Iowa, there carrying on agricultural pursuits continuously and successfully until 1907. In that year he disposed of the property and bought a farm of six hundred and eighty-seven acres on section 6, Clay township, Marion county, which he has cultivated with excellent results to the present time. In connection with the production of cereals he also makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business yielding him a gratifying annual income.

In 1881 Mr. Verros was united in marriage to Miss Datje Vanbeck, a native of Holland and a daughter of Cornelius and Henrietta Vanbeck. They came to the United States in 1868, settling in Marion county, Iowa, where both passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Verros have been born fifteen children, as follows: Elizabeth, Henrietta, Tunies, Cornelius, William, Nettie, Garret, Gertrude, Bert, Cornelia, David, Leham, and three who died in infancy.

Mr. Verros is a democrat in his political views and now serves in the office of school director, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Reformed church. Wherever he is known he is honored and respected, for he is a man of many sterling traits of character, reliable in business, progressive in citizenship and at all times upright and trustworthy.

WILLIAM J. WHITLATCH.

William J. Whitlatch, wide-awake, alert and enterprising, is numbered among the leading young farmers of Indiana township. He was born December 26, 1885, on the farm which is still his home, his parents being George and Sally (Simmons) Whitlatch, both of whom were natives of Marion county. The father died here on the 16th of July, 1887, and is still survived by his wife, who yet makes her home in this county. In their family were three children: Lennie; Ernest G., now living in Lucas county, Iowa; and William J.

The last named entered the public schools at the usual age and therein mastered the branches of English learning. He also worked in the fields and his practical training qualified him for the responsi-

bilities of business life when he started out for himself. He was married February 17, 1904, at Knoxville, Iowa, the lady of his choice being Miss Anna Eliza Bybee, who was born October 14, 1883, a daughter of Lyman Lee and Elizabeth Emma (Bellamy) Bybee, who are now residents of Knoxville and who are mentioned elsewhere in this work.

After his marriage Mr. Whitlatch rented a farm for a year and then purchased property. He is now the owner of eighty acres on section 28, Indiana township, and he operates altogether three hundred and seventy acres, being thus extensively engaged in farming. He has studied the best methods of crop production, knows the nature of the soil upon his farm and through careful cultivation has made his fields very productive. He also engages in stock-raising and keeps on hand good grades of cattle and hogs. He is a breeder of pure bred Hampshire hogs and Oxford sheep and a profitable department of his stock-raising is his pure bred Brown Leghorn chickens. Success has attended his intelligently directed efforts and he is accounted one of the representative farmers of his community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Whitlatch has been born a daughter, Emeline Jeanette, who was born November 26, 1906, and is now in school. The parents are members of the Methodist Protestant church and are people of the highest respectability, their genuine worth having gained for them high esteem. Mr. Whitlatch exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, holding membership in Attica Lodge, No. 229. He is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in Lodge No. 657, while Mrs. Whitlatch is a member of Lodge No. 70, Daughters of Rebekah, at Knoxville. His life has been characterized by high and honorable principles and he is ever devoted to duty, nor through neglect thereof leaves to others the work which he should do. He is thoroughly honorable in matters of citizenship and matters of business, and he holds friendship inviolable.

E. C. HOGATE.

E. C. Hogate is engaged in the real-estate and grain business in Tracy, where he has made his home since 1903. He has always lived in Marion county, his birth having here occurred on the 22d of August, 1866. His parents were S. S. and Melissa (Rouze) Hogate, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Indiana. They

came to Iowa at an early day and are represented on another page of this volume.

E. C. Hogate was reared in the usual manner of farm lads of the age and period, his time being divided between the acquirement of a public-school education, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. At an early age he began to assist in the development of the home farm and in early manhood he began farming and stock-raising on his own account. He purchased and sold stock of all kinds and won a substantial measure of success in the undertaking, especially as a horseman and dealer in horses. In 1903 he took up his abode at Tracy, continued in the horse business on a more extensive scale and established a livery business which he conducted for some time and then sold. He then turned his attention to the real-estate and grain business, in which he has since continued as a member of the firm of Hogate and Lyman, which handles a large amount of grain annually, making extensive shipments, and at the same time has negotiated many important property transfers. He now owns a half interest in eight hundred acres of land, also a half interest in the elevator at Tracy and has other property.

In 1887 Mr. Hogate was united in marriage to Miss Nannie E. Sipe, who was born in Monroe county, Iowa, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sipe, both now deceased. In their family were six children, all of whom are yet living. Mr. Hogate is a member of Bellefontaine Lodge, No. 163, A. F. & A. M., at Tracy, and has filled some of the offices in the lodge. He likewise has membership in the Odd Fellows lodge and in Camp No. 1695, M. W. A., while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The many sterling traits of his character are recognized by his large circle of friends and acquaintances, who entertain for him warm regard and number him among the leading and representative business men of the county.

WALTER BANE.

Walter Bane is engaged in the abstract business and in the placing of farm loans and is meeting with success therein. He has resided in Knoxville for a number of years but was born in Warren county, this state, on the 8th of January, 1869, a son of Washington and Bethany (Wilson) Bane, natives of Virginia, Illinois, and

Coshocton county, Ohio, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Hugh Bane, was born in Scotland but emigrated to Virginia many years ago and subsequently came west, settling in Illinois. Still later he removed to Iowa, being one of the early settlers of this state. The maternal grandparents were Samuel B. and Louisa Wilson, born in New Jersey and Virginia respectively. They removed to Linn county, Iowa, about 1851 and a few years later came to Marion county. Washington Bane was a farmer by occupation and passed away in 1876, his widow surviving him until the 20th of February, 1881. They had three children, namely: Lee, who died in California; Walter; and Leonard, a railway mail clerk residing at St. Louis.

Walter Bane was given a public-school education and subsequently took a business course in Highland Park College of Des Moines and also attended Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, for a short time. He taught school for several years but subsequently abandoned that profession and clerked in a store for a time. From 1897 to 1902 he was deputy county auditor and in 1904 was elected auditor. His previous experience as deputy enabled him to take charge of the affairs of the office immediately without the necessity of having the retiring auditor assist him for a time and he proved a thoroughly competent official. His record was indorsed by his constituents by reelection and during the two terms that he was the incumbent of the office he discharged promptly and capably all of the duties devolving upon him. In 1908 he embarked in the abstract business and has since continued to devote his time to that line and has made many abstracts of title in the intervening years. He has gained a reputation for thorough and accurate work and his patronage is constantly increasing. He also places farm loans and has been very successful in obtaining a fair rate of interest without endangering the principal. He ranks among the energetic and successful business men of the city and is highly respected for his integrity and ability.

Mr. Bane was married on the 3d of September, 1894, to Miss Mary Clark, a daughter of Frank and Susanne (Erb) Clark, and a native of Marion county. Her father was a son of John Clark, who came to Iowa from Tennessee about 1848. Both the father and son were farmers by occupation. Susanne Erb accompanied her parents on their removal from Pennsylvania to Iowa in the early days of the history of this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Bane were born four daughters and a son, namely: Velma, deceased; and Violet, Loren, Edna and Frances, all at home.

Mr. Bane is a democrat in his political belief and is loyal in his support of the candidates of that organization. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the latter fraternity he holds membership in the subordinate lodge, the encampment and the Rebekahs. His wife is also a member of the last named. His interest in the public welfare is genuine and constant and he is considered one of the useful citizens of Knoxville.

J. R. CLINE.

J. R. Cline was a farmer and breeder of registered cattle for twenty years, but for the last four years has lived retired at Knoxville. He was born on New Year's day, 1863, in Vinton county, Ohio, a son of Joseph and Jane (Douglas) Cline, both of whom are deceased. The father, who was a harness maker by trade and also dealt in horses and other stock, became a resident of Wilkesville, Vinton county, before the Civil war and resided there continuously until his death. His business is continued by a son. The Cline family is of German and Irish descent and the Douglas family of Scottish extraction. The parents of the subject of this review were Presbyterians in religious faith. To their union were born six children, five of whom are now living. The eldest has passed away and those who survive besides the subject of this review are: Clara and G. A., both of Knoxville; Mrs. W. H. Lucas, who is the wife of a teacher and is a resident of Marysville, this county, but who was for many years a resident of Knoxville; and J. L., who is engaged in the harness business at Wilkesville, Ohio.

J. R. Cline was reared in Ohio and after completing a course in the district schools there attended an academy. His marriage occurred in that state and in the same year, 1885, he removed to this county, locating in Knoxville township, where he became the owner of a fine tract of land and for twenty years he was engaged in the breeding of registered Polled Angus cattle. He was very successful as a stock-raiser, was widely known in this section of Iowa in that connection and his yearly income was a gratifying one. His thorough knowledge of the stock business and the care with which he raised his cattle, providing them with sanitary buildings for shelter and feeding them those rations which have been proved best, were not in vain, for his stock were always in fine condition and

brought a high price when sold. In the course of years he accumulated enough capital to give him a comfortable income for the remainder of his days and for the last four years he has lived retired at Knoxville. He owns a fine home in the city and is enjoying his life of leisure.

Mr. Cline was married in Ohio in 1885 to Miss Elizabeth Henderson, a daughter of Almond and Jane Henderson, who removed to this county in 1884. The father was a farmer by occupation and a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in an Ohio regiment. Both he and his wife passed away some years ago. Mrs. Cline was reared in Gallia county, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Cline have been born three children. After completing a course in the Knoxville high school Eulah entered Coe College at Cedar Rapids, from which she was graduated in 1913. She is now a high-school teacher at Walker, Iowa. Estella was graduated from the Kirksville high school and is now a sophomore at Coe College. She is taking a musical course. Ray H. is a farmer in Knoxville township.

The family belong to the Presbyterian church and are among those who can be counted upon to support movements having as their object the betterment of the community. Fraternally Mr. Cline belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Knoxville and his wife and daughters are members of the Rebekahs. In his political belief he is a republican with progressive tendencies. While engaged in the raising of stock and in farming he did much to advance those interests in Marion county and the leisure which is now his is richly deserved.

BENJAMIN R. BEACH.

Benjamin R. Beach is well known in business circles of Knoxville as the manager of the lumberyard of the Pauls Lumber Company here, which is the oldest established yard in the city. He was born in Muscatine, this state, on the 14th of July, 1878, a son of Benjamin and Mary J. (Mason) Beach. His father was a coppersmith by trade but in his later life engaged in the grocery business. He held a number of local offices, being postmaster for eight years and county overseer of the poor for fourteen years. He was a veteran of both the Mexican and Civil wars and during the latter part of the Civil war was colonel of the Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was faithful to his colors and brave in the face of the greatest danger both

as a private and as an officer, and his military record was one of which he might well be proud. For over seven years he fought in the armies of the United States. He passed away on the 16th of May, 1913, but his widow survives.

Benjamin R. Beach attended the public schools as a boy and youth and after putting aside his text-books was employed in a number of sash and door factories and lumberyards, thus learning at first hand the details of the lumber business. In January, 1911, he was made manager of the Bussey lumberyard of this county and a year later accepted the position of manager of the Pauls lumberyard at Knoxville. It was established here many years ago and has always had the reputation of handling a high grade of lumber and of charging reasonable prices. Mr. Beach's long experience with the trade and his intimate knowledge of its various branches well qualify him for the responsible position which he holds and the affairs of the company are in most capable hands.

On the 3d of August, 1904, Mr. Beach was married to Miss Marie Rankin, of Muscatine, a daughter of J. W. and Carrie (McGowd) Rankin. Mr. and Mrs. Beach have become the parents of two children, George Rankin and Mary Wells.

Mr. Beach is a member of the Presbyterian church and politically supports the republican party. His fraternal allegiance is given to the Masonic order and the Woodmen of the World. He belongs to Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M.; Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., and Melita Commandery, No. 64, K. T. As a business man and in all of the relations of life he has guided his conduct by high principles of ethics and the respect in which he is universally held in Knoxville is fully merited.

W. A. SPIKER, D. V. S.

Dr. W. A. Spiker, who since 1912 has been engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Columbia, enjoys a well merited reputation in this connection. His birth occurred in Lucas county, Iowa, on the 18th of November, 1876, his parents being J. F. and Adella W. (Brightwell) Spiker, both of whom were natives of Illinois. They came to Iowa in an early day, settling in Lucas county, where the mother passed away in 1907 and where the father still makes his home. Their eight children are all yet living.

W. A. Spiker attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account and successfully followed farming until 1909, when he began preparation for a professional career as a student in the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1912. He at once located for practice at Columbia and has here since remained, having already won gratifying success in the field of his chosen vocation.

On April 18, 1897, Dr. Spiker was united in marriage to Miss Ruth B. Anderson, a native of this county and a daughter of Mathew and Mella A. (Davis) Anderson, both of whom were born in Maryland, coming to Iowa in an early day. The father is now deceased, but the mother survives. Dr. Spiker gives his political allegiance to the democracy and fraternally is identified with the following organizations: Tyre Lodge, No. 185, A. F. & A. M., in which he is now filling the south chair; Lodge No. 660, I. O. O. F.; and the Modern Woodmen Camp at Chariton, Iowa. Both he and his wife attend the Christian church and are highly esteemed as people of genuine personal worth and upright, honorable lives.

ALLEN ANDERSON.

Allen Anderson, who is the proprietor of a roller skating rink in Knoxville and is also engaged in the real-estate business, was born in Polk township, this county, on the Des Moines river, in 1860, a son of J. W. and Harriet (Smith) Anderson. The father was a native of Kentucky and when ten years of age accompanied his parents to Davis county, Iowa. His father was J. W. Anderson, Sr., also a native of Kentucky, although his father was born in Sweden, being the first of the family to come to America, and upon his arrival in this country making his way direct to Kentucky, where he located. J. W. Anderson, Sr., grew to manhood in Davis county, where his father owned land which he had entered in the early '50s. The parents of our subject were married in Van Buren county, Iowa, in 1860 and in the same year removed to Marion county, locating in Polk township, at what was then called Coalport, a small steamboat town of that time. The father farmed with his father-in-law, Thomas C. Smith, for a time and subsequently conducted a pottery for a number of years. He returned to Davis county and followed agricultural pursuits there for some time, but in 1877 moved again to

this county. His wife died in 1897 and he afterward went to Des Moines, where he served under Mayor McVicker upon the police force. He is still living in that city at the advanced age of eighty years. His wife was born in Somerset, Ohio, and was a daughter of Thomas C. Smith, a native of Delaware. The family home in Ohio was next to that of General Phil Sheridan but removal was subsequently made to this county, where Mr. Smith is well remembered by many. He died at his home in Polk township when about eighty-four years of age. Mrs. Anderson was sixty-three years of age when she passed away. Her religious faith was that of the Baptist church. Mr. Anderson of this review has two brothers living, namely, J. W. and Thomas C., both farmers of Polk township.

Allen Anderson was reared in Davis and Marion counties and early became acquainted with the duties of the farmer and learned by practical experience efficient methods of agriculture. Upon starting out in life for himself he cultivated land and so continued until 1896. He also ran a thresher and for fifteen years was the owner of a sawmill which he operated. In 1896 he removed to Knoxville, where he started a feedyard in 1900 and operated the same until 1907. Since 1910 he has owned and conducted a roller skating rink, which is a popular place of amusement, especially for the young people of the city. He also engages in the real-estate business to some extent and finds this a profitable side line.

Mr. Anderson was married in this county to Miss Eliza Crouch, who was born here. Her father, William Crouch, settled here in 1859, coming from Virginia. Mrs. Anderson has a sister, Mrs. Jones, who lives near Knoxville, and two brothers living in Knoxville. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, three of whom survive, namely: A. J., who is a plumber and resides at home; and Eva and Raymond, also at home. A daughter, Mrs. Harvey Myers, died in young womanhood, and Nora and Frank died in childhood. Mrs. Anderson and the children belong to the Christian church.

Mr. Anderson is a democrat and one of the prominent men in local political circles. For the past twenty-five years he has attended the county and state conventions of his party and he has held a number of local offices. In addition to serving in various township positions he was for two terms county supervisor, being first elected in 1906, and he has also been a member of the city council of Knoxville. Fraternally he is well known, holding membership in the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men, the Foresters, the Modern

Woodmen and the Homesteaders. He likewise belongs to the ladies' auxiliaries of all of the above orders. His wife is a member of the Rebekahs, the Pythian Sisters, the Pocahontas and Woman's Relief Corps. He has proven a successful business man and also an upright and public-spirited citizen and enjoys the respect of those who know him.

S. L. LEIBY.

A valuable farm of two hundred and forty-seven acres situated near Hamilton in Liberty township is the property of S. L. Leiby and returns to him a gratifying annual income as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. He was born in Pennsylvania on the 9th of January, 1854, and has long made his home in this county. His parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Ritze) Leiby, were both natives of the Keystone state and came to Iowa in 1857, settling in Marion county, where they became identified with the early development and progress of this section of the state. Their remaining days were here passed and upon their farm they reared their family of eleven children, five of whom are yet living.

S. L. Leiby spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and at the usual age began attending the district schools. He was but three years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa, since which time he has lived in Marion county. When not busy with his text-books he worked in the fields and continued to assist his father until after he had attained his majority. He was then married and started out in life on his own account. He wedded Miss Sarah Bachman, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Joel and Caroline (Neifert) Bachman, both of whom were born in the Keystone state, where they lived until 1879 and then came to Marion county, Iowa, settling upon a farm. The father is still living and yet devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits, but the mother has passed away. In their family were seven children, all of whom survive.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Leiby began their domestic life upon the home farm where they now reside, situated in Liberty township, not far from Hamilton. The place is a valuable property, comprising two hundred and forty-seven acres of rich and productive land, on which he has placed many improvements and he has added thereto many of the modern equipments and accessories

of the model farm of the twentieth century. The buildings are large and substantial and the barns and sheds furnish ample shelter to grain and stock. The latest improved machinery is used to facilitate the work of the fields and each year Mr. Leiby gathers good harvests, the golden grain rewarding him for the labor he has spent in cultivation.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leiby have been born four children, but two of the number have passed away. Those still living are Daisy and Fred, the former now the wife of James Reding. Mr. Leiby gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has never been desirous of holding office. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Marysville and his wife is identified with the Rebekahs. Both are consistent and faithful members of the Lutheran church and have guided their lives according to its teachings, so that they naturally have the respect, confidence and good-will of all who know them. Mr. Leiby has resided in the county for fifty-seven years and has been a witness of many of the events which have left their impress upon the history of this section of the state. He has lived to see remarkable changes, for the work of transformation has done away with all of the evidences of pioneer life seen in the early days and has brought about the conditions and advantages of modern civilization.

THOMAS GLENN FULTZ, D. V. M.

Dr. Thomas Glenn Fultz, a successful and progressive veterinary physician residing in Pella, was born in Story county, Iowa, near the town of Nevada, on the 13th of October, 1887, a son of T. D. and Julia (Maxwell) Fultz. His father, a carpenter by trade, is now employed at the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts at Ames. The subject of this review is the elder of two sons, his brother being Frank M. Fultz, now assistant manager of the Citizens Lumber Company of Fort Dodge, this state.

Dr. Fultz entered the public schools at the usual age and upon completing the course therein became a student in the high school and subsequently took a veterinary course at Ames, receiving the degree of D. V. M. in 1910. In September of that year he located at Pella and has since practiced his profession here. He has been successful in his treatment of the diseases of animals and his services are often called into requisition by the farmers of the county.

Dr. Fultz was married in March, 1911, to Miss Nora Meyer, a daughter of George Meyer, a farmer living near Ames, in Story county. The Doctor is a democrat but has not taken an active part in political affairs. Fraternally he belongs to Pella Lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M., and to the Red Men at Ames, Iowa. Dr. Fultz was for six years a member of the Iowa National Guard, in which he enlisted as a private, but he was mustered out as first lieutenant. He has just erected a fine home in the city and his interests are thoroughly identified with those of Pella. He is popular personally and those who know him speak well of him.

WILLIAM F. CREW, M. D.

Dr. William F. Crew is well known in Pella and Marion county, where he has practiced medicine for a number of years. He is an able physician and surgeon and has an especially creditable record in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in which he has specialized to some extent. In his early manhood he taught school and from 1896 to 1900 filled the office of county superintendent of schools for Marion county.

The Doctor was born in this county on the 1st of May, 1872, a son of William and Martha (Workman) Crew, both natives of Highland county, Ohio, where their marriage occurred. In 1866 they removed to Marion county, Iowa, and purchased land near Red Rock, where they resided until their deaths. The father passed away in 1885, having survived his wife for eleven years, her demise occurring in 1874. To them were born eight children, four sons and four daughters. Those living are: Mrs. John Templeton, the wife of a farmer; J. M., who is following agricultural pursuits in this county; Ellen, the wife of Dr. F. M. Roberts, of Honeywell, Missouri; and William F.

The last named acquired his early education in the public schools in the neighborhood of his home, and continued his academic work in the Central University of Iowa at Pella. In 1903 he was graduated from the school of pharmacy of the Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana, and in 1904 received his medical degree from Barnes Medical College at St. Louis. He first located for practice in Ralston, Iowa, where he remained for two and a half years, after which he removed to Lorimor, Iowa. He resided there for five years and then did post-graduate work in Chicago. In December, 1911,

he came to Pella and has since remained in this city, where he enjoys a large general and special practice. He belongs to the state and county medical societies and to the American Medical Association and finds these organizations invaluable as a means of keeping abreast with the discoveries that are constantly being made in the science of medicine and with the improved methods which are being worked out in its practice. Although he has only resided in Pella for three years, he has gained the confidence of the general public and of his colleagues as well, and his advice is often sought by his brother practitioners upon doubtful points.

In 1903 Dr. Crew was married to Miss Florence Stuart, a daughter of Dr. John and Mary (Grafty) Stuart, natives of Canada, who came to Pella about 1889. For many years Dr. Stuart was president of the Central University of Iowa, which is located at Pella, but is now engaged in the practice of medicine at Monon, Indiana. To Dr. and Mrs. Crew have been born three children, Mary E., Robert Stuart and Martha Louise. The family belong to the Baptist church and the integrity of their daily lives is the best proof of the sincerity of their religious faith. The Doctor is a democrat in his political views and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias. Those who have once been admitted to intimate friendship with him remain his loyal and enthusiastic friends, as close acquaintance but more fully reveals the genuineness of his character and his many admirable traits.

EDWARD H. CUMMINGS.

Edward H. Cummings for a number of years has lived in Knoxville in quiet retirement from the cares of active life. He was born in Clay township, this county, October 26, 1860, a son of Hugh and Agnes (Loynachan) Cummings, both natives of Argyleshire, Scotland. The father went to Ohio when about twenty-one years of age and was married to Miss Loynachan near Marietta, that state, she having emigrated to this country with her parents a number of years before. In the '50s they left Ohio and removed to Iowa, settling in Clay township, this county. The father secured a fine farm and resided there until his death, which occurred July 14, 1899, when he was seventy-nine years of age. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a republican in his political belief. His wife was a daughter of David Loynachan and was also a Presbyterian. She

died October 30, 1899, when seventy-five years old. To them were born nine children, eight of whom survive, the youngest having died when a child. Those living are: Isabel, the wife of John Dunlap, of Ulysses, Nebraska; Robert, of Fremont, that state; David, residing in Pella, this county; Mrs. Barbara Weir, of Longmont, Colorado; Mrs. Nettie Beard, who is a widow and makes her home in Knoxville, Iowa; Edward H., of this review; William, residing upon the home farm in Clay township; and Mrs. Sarah McVey, who also resides in Clay township.

Edward H. Cummings was reared in his native township and remained at home until he attained his majority. He then removed to Knoxville township and began farming there and so continued until he retired. He had but a small amount of capital when he began his independent business career and the first residence upon his farm was only a log house. The necessity of enduring hardships and of living frugally did not dismay him, however, and as he was industrious and enterprising and a man of sound judgment his resources steadily increased and he became prosperous and well-to-do. He gave especial attention to the raising of stock, breeding registered Polled Angus cattle and also Poland China hogs of good grade. He was recognized as one of the up-to-date and prosperous stockmen of the county. He still owns a farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres of land as well as his residence in Knoxville.

Mr. Cummings was married in this county in February, 1884, to Miss Rachel McClain, who was born in Knoxville on the 21st of August, 1861, a daughter of James and Martha (Huron) McClain. Her parents, natives of Kentucky and Indiana respectively, removed from the Hoosier state to Wapello county, Iowa, where they were numbered among the early settlers, and subsequently came to Knoxville. They eventually located upon a farm in Knoxville township, where they lived until called to their final rest. Here the father died in December, 1910, aged seventy-four years, having survived his wife for almost a year, her demise occurring January 13, 1910. Mr. McClain had three children by a former marriage, Martha, Sarah and Rosetta, the last named being deceased. Seven children were born of his second union, namely: Mrs. Mary Dennis, of Park Rapids, Minnesota; Mrs. Cummings; Eli and George, both farmers of Knoxville township, this county; Rilla, deceased; and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Cummings was reared in this county and is indebted to the public schools for her education. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children. Roy, who was born December 25, 1884, is operating the home farm. He married Miss Dessie Whit-

latch and they have one son, Raymond, aged five years. Fay, born February 16, 1891, is a school teacher in the county. Beryl, born August 7, 1898, and Hugh, whose birth occurred March 10, 1904, are both at home. Mrs. Cummings is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Cummings is a republican in politics and fraternally belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is a member of the Rebekahs. His life has always conformed to high standards of conduct, and he enjoys the respect and good-will of his fellowmen.

SAMUEL H. DOUGHMAN.

In a history of the leading business men of Marion county, Samuel H. Doughman deserves prominent mention, for he was a leading figure in agricultural and financial circles. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and became the owner of five hundred acres of valuable Iowa farm land, and at all times his business methods were such as would bear close investigation and scrutiny. His worth of character won for him high regard and his death was therefore the occasion of deep and widespread regret when on the 11th of October, 1911, he passed away. He was born in Shelby county, Indiana, August 29, 1838, a son of John T. and Abbie (Higgins) Doughman. The family came to Iowa in 1848, casting in their lot with the early residents of Marion county. The father purchased land where the town of Tracy now stands and upon this farm he and his wife spent their remaining days. His entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and he was never an office seeker or office holder. He lived peaceably with his fellowmen, cooperated in movements for the public good and at all times made an unassailable record as a man and as a citizen.

Samuel H. Doughman was a little lad of but ten summers when the family came to Iowa. He attended the district schools and through the period of his boyhood and youth worked with his father upon the home farm. Later he continued to assist in its further development until he reached the age of thirty years but in the meantime responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting at Oskaloosa in August, 1862, as a member of Company D, Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and serving until the close of the war, when he was mustered out at Oskaloosa with the rank of second ser-

geant. He was wounded at Jenkins Ferry but always escaped capture and altogether made a most creditable record.

Upon his return home Mr. Doughman resumed farming and in 1868 he completed arrangements for having a home of his own in his marriage on the 18th of October of that year to Sarah Cooper, a daughter of Charles and Maria (Gitchell) Cooper, of Ohio, who arrived here in 1851 and settled on the Knoxville road, four miles west of Tracy. Mr. Cooper entered a quarter section of land and thereon engaged in farming to the time of his death, which occurred in 1886. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Doughman became the parents of four children, as follows: Rose, who is the wife of Nelson Ruple, of this county; John T.; Annie, who gave her hand in marriage to Charles Johnson; and Fannie, the wife of William Graham, of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Following his marriage Mr. Doughman purchased two hundred and seventy acres of partially improved land and to his holdings added from time to time until he became the owner of more than five hundred acres. He was one of the leading agriculturists of Clay township and employed the most progressive methods in tilling the soil and caring for the crops. Extending his efforts in other directions, he became one of the organizers of the Iowa Savings Bank at Tracy and was elected the second president of the institution, filling that position until the time of his death. His early political allegiance was given to the democratic party but later, on account of his pronounced views on the temperance question, he became a staunch prohibitionist. He was a charter member of Bellefontaine Lodge, No. 163, A. F. & A. M., and remained one of its consistent and highly respected representatives until his demise. The following is an excerpt from "Resolutions of Respect" submitted by the committee of Bellefontaine Lodge:

"Resolved, That in the death of Brother Doughman the lodge has lost a member who was well versed in its work, having been a member from its inception and having filled all the important offices with much credit and earnestness * * * That the community has lost a useful citizen, the church an ardent supporter, a man who has perhaps contributed more than any other in the community to charitable and educational purposes."

Mr. Doughman was a consistent Christian man, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Mrs. Doughman still belongs. His life was temperate in all things and his record is a credit to the community. He was devoted to his home and to his church and high and honorable principles and ideals

guided him in every relation. Those who knew him, and he had an extensive acquaintance, esteemed him highly and those who came within the closer circle of comradeship were glad to call him friend.

FRANK CLARK.

Frank Clark is a retired farmer and stockman residing at No. 2305 West Pleasant street, Knoxville, and is highly esteemed by his fellow citizens. He was born in Dade county, Georgia, on the 26th of April, 1843, a son of James and Minerva (McKeg) Clark, natives of Tennessee and Georgia respectively. The father was born in 1817 and as a young man went to Georgia, where his marriage occurred. He was a farmer by occupation and in 1849 left that state and came to Marion county, Iowa, entering one hundred and sixty acres of land in Knoxville township. He subsequently purchased fifty more acres and devoted his time and energy to the cultivation of his land until his death, which occurred in 1901. His first wife, the mother of the subject of this review, passed away in 1852 and he afterward married Mrs. J. W. Miller, by whom he had five children. Six children were born to his first marriage, all of whom are living but one daughter. He was a democrat in politics and in religious belief was an old school Baptist. He was highly esteemed in his community and his demise was sincerely mourned.

Frank Clark was the second in order of birth in a family of six children and was reared at home. His education was that afforded by the early country schools, but during his boyhood he gained much knowledge that was not learned from books, as he assisted his father in the work of the farm and thus familiarized himself with practical methods of agriculture. After his marriage he operated forty acres of the home place until 1882, when he removed to Richardson county, Nebraska, and leased eight hundred acres of land. He remained upon that place for about ten years and then removed to another farm in the same county, where he resided until 1907. He next went to Lawton, Oklahoma, where he took up a homestead claim and also purchased another quarter section. After living in Oklahoma for three years he sold his landed interests and returned to Marion county. He took up his residence in Knoxville, where he owns six and a half acres of land and where he has continued to live up to the present time.

Mr. Clark was married in 1867 to Miss Martha Sunderland, a daughter of William and Marinda (Miller) Sunderland. Her father was born in Ohio and her mother's birth occurred in Indiana in 1830. Their marriage was solemnized in the Hoosier state and to their union were born two children: Julia E., whose birth occurred in Indiana on the 12th of June, 1848; and Martha J., who was born in Iowa on the 5th of April, 1850. Mr. Sunderland passed away while Mrs. Clark was a small child and his wife died in 1896. Mrs. Clark was educated in this county and remained at home until her marriage. She has become the mother of the following children: Ernest E., who was born on the 23d of April, 1869, and who married Miss Cora Argabright; Owen Otis, born November 23, 1871, who married Miss Odell; Frank Oliver, whose birth occurred on the 13th of September, 1872, and who now resides in Oklahoma; James E., born October 19, 1876, who married Lola Henry and resides in Knoxville, Iowa; Minnie, deceased; Chester E., who was born September 3, 1880, and married Miss Mittie Currie; Pearl, deceased; Maude E., who was born May 10, 1887, and is at home; Walter E., who died at the age of nineteen years; and Ruth Esther, born February 25, 1890.

Mr. Clark is a democrat and is interested in all that has to do with the community advancement and progress. Fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen of the World and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Verdon, Nebraska. His religious belief is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. While living in Nebraska he engaged in farming and stock-raising on quite an extensive scale and his labors in earlier years made him financially independent, so that since coming to Knoxville he has lived practically retired. Those who have the privilege of his intimate acquaintance value highly his friendship and esteem him as a man of unimpeachable integrity.

GEORGE ZIN.

George Zin has resided in Knoxville for twelve years and during that time has proven his right to be ranked among the energetic and capable business men of the city. He is dealing in real-estate and has negotiated a number of important transfers of property. He was born in Appanoose county, Iowa, on the 22d of September, 1861, a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Long) Zin. The Zin family is of

English descent. The father was born February 13, 1833, in Jackson (now Vinton) county, Ohio, a son of Samuel Zin, who was a farmer of that locality. Charles Zin was reared in his native county and resided there until 1858, when he came west, settling in Appanoose county, Iowa. His marriage occurred in that county in 1859 and he farmed there for a few years afterward. He then came to Marion county and followed agricultural pursuits here, owning one of the best farms in Knoxville township. In 1887 he sold his land and removed to Harvey county, Kansas, where he engaged in banking. A few years later he located in Wichita and still later bought a farm in Sedgwick county, where he made his home until his death, which occurred February 1, 1904. He was one of ten children, all of whom were early residents of this part of Iowa and all are deceased. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Elizabeth Long, was also a native of Ohio and about 1855 accompanied her parents to Iowa, the journey being made by ox team. Her brother, John B. Long, died at Carlisle, Iowa, in 1913. She resides near Mount Hope, Kansas, at the age of seventy-seven years. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was Charles Zin. To their union were born four sons and two daughters, namely: George, of this review; Mrs. Laura E. Cain, who died in July, 1887, near Knoxville; Calvin L., a general merchant of Melcher, Iowa, who also owns a farm in that locality; Harvey A., a farmer residing in the vicinity of Hinton, Oklahoma; Mrs. Mary Overman, who resides with her mother; and Ira P., who is farming near Pond Creek, Oklahoma.

George Zin attended the country schools in the acquirement of his early education and later was a student in Central College at Pella for a number of terms. From early childhood he was accustomed to farm work and as a man followed that occupation until his health failed. He then removed to Knoxville and has since engaged in the real-estate business. He is an excellent judge of realty values, especially of the worth of farm land, and as he is also an astute business man he has succeeded in becoming one of the well known and substantial real-estate agents of the city. He also supervises the operation of his farms which he has leased to others.

Mr. Zin was united in marriage in this county on the 18th of January, 1884, to Miss May E. Goodspeed, who was born in Ohio, but accompanied her parents to this county when a child of about three years. She has a brother residing at Enid, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Zin are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their support is always given to movements which seek

the moral betterment of the community. Mr. Zin is a democrat in politics and fraternally belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is a member of the Rebekahs. They hold a high place in the estimation of all who have been brought in contact with them and are numbered among the valued residents of Knoxville.

JOSHUA RICHARDS.

Joshua Richards has but recently taken up his abode in Pleasantville, where he is now living retired from further business cares in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He still, however, owns a farm of two hundred acres in Pleasant Grove township and at a former period was the owner of four hundred and fifty-five acres in the same township. He has made his home in Marion county since 1856 and his memory therefore forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. There are few events of importance concerning the history of the county and its development with which he is not familiar and he contributed in substantial measure to the advancement made along agricultural lines.

Mr. Richards was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, March 14, 1837, and is a son of William and Margaret (Thompson) Richards, who were natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Their marriage took place in Ohio, and they subsequently removed to Wabash county, Indiana, where they lived for four years but in 1856 they came to Iowa, settling in Pleasant Grove township, where the father secured land. He spent three or four years in Knoxville township but much of his time in this county was passed in Pleasant Grove township and with the work of general development and improvement he was closely associated. He and his wife traveled life's journey together for more than sixty-eight years and both passed away when over ninety years of age. In their family were ten children, of whom five are yet living: Joshua, James and John, all of Pleasantville; William, whose home is in Montana; and Urias, of Oklahoma.

Joshua Richards was the fourth in order of birth in his father's family and was reared to the age of fourteen years in Ohio, during which period he attended school and mastered many of the elementary branches of learning. Following the removal of the family to Indiana he continued his education there. He was reared to farm life and early became familiar with all the duties and labors incident

to the development and care of the fields. When he started out for himself he took up farming and at the age of nineteen years he arrived in Marion county, after which time he was identified with agricultural interests until his recent retirement to private life. Success attended his efforts and as his financial resources increased he kept adding to his holdings until his landed possessions aggregated four hundred and fifty-five acres in Pleasant Grove township. He has since disposed of a portion of his property but is still the owner of two hundred acres of rich and valuable land. He was married on the 31st of March, 1861, and soon afterward located upon the farm which he still owns. There he engaged quite extensively in the raising of Poland China hogs and still has a number of registered animals. He also raised good graded shorthorn cattle and horses, and became well known as a stockman. He had nothing with which to start out in the business world but he displayed careful management, sound judgment and unfaltering industry and it was thus that he gained a place among the substantial farmers of the community.

As stated, Mr. Richards was married on the 31st of March, 1861, the lady of his choice being Miss Frances Shunkwiler, who was born in Indiana, January 25, 1843, and when three years of age was brought to this county by her parents, David and Serilda (Bristol) Shunkwiler, who in 1846 settled in Pleasant Grove township, Marion county, where their remaining days were passed. Her father was killed while serving as a soldier of the Union army in the Civil war and his wife passed away in this county about forty years ago. They were earnest Christian people and enjoyed the esteem and friendship of many. Mrs. Richards had three brothers and two sisters. She was reared in this county and pursued her education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses of the pioneer day. To Mr. and Mrs. Richards were born eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity and six of whom are still living, namely: James, who is a resident of Pleasant Grove township, this county; Ruann Ellen, who is the wife of Henry Hartman, of Longmont, Colorado; Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to Lawrence Sherman, of Pleasant Grove township, this county; Emma, the wife of James Evans, of Pleasantville, Iowa; Georgia, who is the widow of O. B. Wright and resides at home; and Frankie, the wife of Floyd Shoemaker, of Pleasant Grove township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Richards also have twenty grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In his political views Mr. Richards has always been a stalwart republican since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lin-

coln in 1860. He has always marched under the party banner and has been loyal to its interests. Since 1867 he has been affiliated with the Masonic order, having been initiated into the craft at Pleasantville. His wife was formerly a member of the Good Templars Society, which she joined in girlhood, and she is a member of the Christian church. Their lives have been well spent and they are widely and favorably known in the county. Mr. Richards has done a good work in a business way. He has made excellent improvements upon his farm, which is modern in every particular. He has a system of waterworks whereby water is piped into the house and into the barn and every modern facility and equipment is to be seen there. He well deserves the rest which he is now enjoying and equally deserves the confidence and good-will entertained for him by his fellow townsmen.

GEORGE H. AMOS.

George H. Amos, who was a member of the firm of Amos & Davis, proprietors of a well known hardware store in Knoxville, is one of the youngest business men in the city, as he was born in 1893. His birth occurred in Boston, Massachusetts, and he is a son of George L. and Ida (Harris) Amos. His father was born in Monroe, Iowa, and was a son of E. H. Amos, a native of Ohio. The latter was one of the first settlers of this state and entered government land in Marion county. He became very prominent here and was president of the Knoxville National Bank, of which he was one of the organizers. George L. Amos was by occupation a stock buyer and shipper and was known in that connection throughout the United States. He bought horses all over the western part of the country, purchasing them by the train load and selling them throughout the east. He was known in Chicago as one of the biggest shippers of horses operating through that city. Many of the horses which he bought were finally exported, as his father-in-law was engaged in that business and bought many horses from him. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Ida Harris, was a daughter of Henry S. and Matilda Harris, residents of Boston. The father and paternal grandfather of our subject both died in 1901, but his mother survives and lives in Boston. His paternal grandmother is also living and makes her home in Knoxville.

George H. Amos was the only child born to his parents and was given an excellent education. After completing the course offered by the public schools he entered the Rindge Technical College, from which he was graduated in 1912. He was employed by the Cambridge Trust Company for six months and then was connected with Stone & Webster for a year. At the end of that time he came to Knoxville and purchased an interest in the hardware business known as Amos & Davis, of which he later became sole owner. The store is one of the longest established ones in the city, having been founded in 1865, and he received lucrative patronage, but on the 1st of November, 1914, he sold out.

Mr. Amos is liberal in his religious views and in politics casts an independent ballot, preferring to support the candidate whom he deems best fitted for the office in question without regard to party affiliation. Although he has been a resident of Knoxville but a short time, he has already gained the confidence and respect of the community and has also made many warm friends among his fellow townsmen.

CHARLES M. BRENNAN.

Charles M. Brennan, carrying on general agricultural pursuits on section 30, Liberty township, has an improved farm of ninety acres, the excellent appearance of which is due to his unfaltering industry and persistency of purpose. Marion county numbers him among its native sons, his birth having here occurred September 19, 1874. His parents were J. L. and E. J. (McManus) Brennan, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father came to the United States when a little lad of but six years and with his parents became a resident of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he lived until 1865, when he came to Marion county, Iowa. He was one of the pioneer settlers and witnessed the greater part of the county's growth and development. His widow still survives and now makes her home in Knoxville. The only break in the family circle occurred when the father was called to his final rest, for the four children of the family still survive.

Charles M. Brennan was reared upon the old homestead farm near Attica and there remained up to the time of his marriage. The educational advantages which he enjoyed were those afforded by the common schools. He had ample training in farm work and was

thus well qualified to assume the management of a farm of his own when he started out in business life independently. It was in December, 1901, that he was joined in wedlock to Miss Rose Runnels, a native of Linn county, Iowa, by whom he had two children, Marie and Charles K. The latter is now deceased and the wife and mother passed away in 1906. On the 10th of March, 1910, Mr. Brennan was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Beatrice (Nye) Johnson, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Jasper and Sarah (Rees) Nye, the former a native of Indiana, while the latter was born in Marion county, Iowa. Both are still living in this county and of their nine children five yet survive. By her former marriage Mrs. Brennan had three sons: Laelius E., who is now a high-school pupil in Des Moines; Theodore N.; and Paul H. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan have a daughter, Lillian J., who was born September 10, 1911.

The family residence is a comfortable dwelling which stands in the midst of a good farm of ninety acres of rich and productive land situated on section 30, Liberty township. Mr. Brennan has carefully carried on the farm work and brought the fields to a high state of cultivation. His methods are at once practical and progressive, and he utilizes every possible means to enhance the value of his place. His political indorsement is given the democratic party and he and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

JESSE M. MICKLE.

Jesse M. Mickle has been actively engaged in business as a merchant of Tracy for the past eight years and also holds the office of postmaster, making a creditable record in that connection. His birth occurred in Clarke county, Iowa, on the 3d of October, 1881, his parents being W. T. and Sarah (Worley) Mickle, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Lucas county, Iowa. They are now residents of Montrose, Colorado. Their children were seven in number and six survive.

Jesse M. Mickle attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until eighteen years of age. He then entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, being employed as operator for five or six years. On the expiration of that period, in 1906, he embarked in the mercantile business at Tracy, where he has since enjoyed an

extensive patronage, for he is widely recognized as a reliable, enterprising and progressive merchant. He owns an attractive and substantial residence as well as his store building and is well entitled to recognition among the prosperous and representative citizens of the county. He also holds the position of postmaster at Tracy, discharging the duties devolving upon him in a most satisfactory and highly commendable manner.

In December, 1903, Mr. Mickle was united in marriage to Miss Cora Smith, a native of Mahaska county, Iowa, and a daughter of W. T. and Nancy (Locke) Smith, who were born in Ohio and Virginia respectively. They came to Iowa in an early day and in this state spent the remainder of their lives. Two of their seven children survive. Our subject and his wife have a daughter, Nancy E., whose birth occurred on the 17th of July, 1914. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Mickle has supported the men and measures of the democracy, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church. In all of his dealings he has been thoroughly reliable and in matters of citizenship helpful and progressive, giving his aid and influence to many movements for the public good.

ALBERT D. REYNOLDS.

Albert D. Reynolds was for many years a prominent farmer and stockman of Pleasant Grove township but is now living in Knoxville and devoting his time to the real-estate business. He was born in this county in 1867, a son of J. M. and Barbara Ann (Shepherd) Reynolds. The former was born in 1837 in Indiana and was brought here by his parents when a child of about six years of age. The latter was born in Indiana and came to this county in her youth. Both survive and live in Pleasantville. J. M. Reynolds followed farming until 1891 and has since bought and shipped stock, though he still owns six hundred and sixty acres of fine land. Mr. Reynolds of this review has two brothers and a sister: Charles, living near Blue Earth, Minnesota; Thomas B., a farmer of Pleasant Grove township; and Mrs. Emma Sutton, who lives in Warren county, Iowa.

Albert D. Reynolds grew to man's estate in Pleasant Grove township and attended the public schools there in the pursuit of his education. Under the instruction of his father he early began to assist in

the work of the farm and by the time he attained maturity he was an efficient agriculturist. Upon starting out in life for himself he continued to farm and was so occupied until 1910, when he removed to Knoxville and has since devoted his time mainly to the real-estate business. He still buys and sells some stock. While upon the farm he gave as much attention to the raising of high grade cattle and hogs as he did to the cultivation of his fields and also bought and shipped other stock. He has gained material prosperity and is in the possession of a competence which insures comfort for the remaining years of his life. In addition to two excellent farms in this county he owns a good residence in Knoxville. In 1900 Mr. Reynolds assisted in the organization and became one of the directors of the First National Bank of Pleasantville. In 1908 he was made vice president and served as such until 1913, when he resigned.

Mr. Reynolds was married February 23, 1890, to Miss Emma Marsh, a daughter of the late Carey Marsh, a pioneer farmer of Pleasant Grove township. Her mother resides at Pleasantville. To Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds has been born a daughter, Marie, who is attending high school and is a member of the ladies' band at Knoxville.

The family belong to the Christian church. Mr. Reynolds is a democrat in his political affiliation and takes a public-spirited interest in the affairs of government. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Modern Woodmen of America. His wife is a member of the Pythian Sisters, the Royal Neighbors and the Woman's Relief Corps. The Reynolds family are valued additions to the citizenship of Knoxville and since making their home here have thoroughly identified themselves with the movements that make for progress and advancement.

EPP R. ROORDA.

Epp R. Roorda, a native son and enterprising agriculturist of Marion county, is the owner of a well improved farm embracing one hundred and five acres on section 32, Clay township. His birth occurred on the 4th of January, 1873, his parents being John and Jane (Van Maren) Roorda, the former born in Holland and the latter in Marion county, Iowa. It was in the year 1847 that John Roorda emigrated to the United States with a colony of people from his

native land. Both he and his wife still survive, residing in Pella, this county, and they are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. Ten of their twelve children are also yet living.

Epp R. Roorda attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. He then spent one year in the cultivation of rented land and on the expiration of that period purchased a tract of one hundred and five acres on section 32, Clay township, where he has carried on farming and stock-raising with excellent success continuously since. The property is all in a high state of cultivation and is lacking in none of the improvements and equipments of a model farm of the twentieth century. In the work of the fields he follows the most practical and progressive methods, and his labors have been rewarded by a gratifying degree of prosperity which places him in the front rank of progressive and able agriculturists.

In 1897 Mr. Roorda was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia Vanderwilt, a native of this county and a daughter of John and Gertrude Vanderwilt, both of whom were born in Holland and emigrated to the United States in 1849. They took up their abode in Marion county, Iowa, and here spent the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Roorda have been born six children, namely: Jeanette, Gertrude, Robert, John David, Edward and Henry.

Mr. Roorda gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is now ably serving as president of the local school board, having ever been a stanch friend and champion of the cause of education. He is interested in all measures and movements instituted to promote the general welfare and widely recognized as a public-spirited and loyal citizen. For the past five years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school of the Brethren church, of which his family are devoted members. Mr. Roorda and his wife have always lived in Marion county and have won an extensive circle of friends who esteem them highly for their many sterling traits of character.

GEORGE W. FEE.

George W. Fee still oversees the operation of his farm in Knoxville township, three and one-half miles from the city of Knoxville, but for a number of years has made his home in town. He also owns three acres and two lots in Knoxville. He has resided in the township of that name since 1849 and practically his entire life has been

spent here. He was born on the 11th of October, 1844. His birthplace was Crawford county, Indiana, and his parents were Christopher and Susan (Means) Fee. The father was born on the 5th of July, 1805, in Virginia, of English descent, and went to Indiana as a young man and there married. He devoted the greater part of his time to farming and after coming to Iowa in 1849 became the owner of three hundred acres of land in this county. His death occurred here in June, 1885. His political belief was that of the democratic party and his religious faith was shown by his adherence to the Baptist church. His wife was born in North Carolina but accompanied her parents to Indiana when quite young and was the only one of her family to come to Iowa. Her death occurred when she was more than seventy years old. There were six children in the family when the removal was made to Iowa, the subject of this review being the youngest, and seven were born in Marion county, making thirteen in all. Ten survive and seven reside in this county.

George W. Fee grew to manhood here and has resided here during his entire adult life. He was reared upon the home farm and quite naturally followed agricultural pursuits when starting out in life for himself. He became the owner of three hundred and thirty-seven acres of fine land three and one-half miles from Knoxville and gained financial independence through its cultivation. He followed general farming and was progressive in the methods that he used. For a number of years he has resided in Knoxville and has merely given general supervision to the operation of his farm, the work being done by his two sons.

In 1867 Mr. Fee married Miss May E. Warfel, a native of the Old Dominion, born on the 24th of October, 1847. She came to Iowa in 1850 with her father, J. B. Warfel, who located in Warren county, but subsequently removed to Marion county. He was a carpenter and stationary engineer and for a number of years ran a grist mill at Knoxville which was owned by John M. Jones. He passed away in Texas about 1890 at an advanced age. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Lucinda M. Lundy, a native of Grayson county, Virginia, where their marriage occurred. She died in 1876. She joined the Methodist Episcopal church in childhood and remained throughout her life a consistent member thereof. Mr. Warfel in his later years belonged to the United Brethren church. They were the parents of six children, four of whom survive, two living in Iowa, one in Arkansas and one in Colorado. Mrs. Fee grew to womanhood in this county and was here married. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fee are four in number and all are natives of

Marion county. Charles Leonard, who is operating part of his father's farm, married Miss Luella Hayes and they have two children, Glenn and Lena. George Archibald, who is also cultivating his father's farm, married Miss Jessie Stoops, who died within a year after her marriage. Lillie Belle married A. D. Graves, also living upon the homestead, and they have two children, Beulah May and Delmar Harold. Jesse Harold resides in Raymond, Washington, within a few miles of the Pacific ocean, and is a bookkeeper in the employ of the Raymond Lumber Company. He married Alta Foidel, of Knoxville, Iowa, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

Mr. Fee is a democrat and has always manifested a praiseworthy interest in the proper conduct of public affairs. The family has displayed a disinterested desire for the general good and two of the older brothers of our subject served in the Union army during the Civil war. During his active life Mr. Fee was a representative agriculturist of the county and the leisure which he now enjoys is richly deserved. Those who have had dealings with him know him to be strictly upright and honest and these qualities of character have gained him the respect of his fellow citizens.

T. H. MULLEN.

T. H. Mullen is now living retired in the village of Columbia. In former years he was actively identified with farming interests in this part of the state and he is well known here because his activities have connected him with the upbuilding of the county and because at all times he has stood for progress and improvement.

He was born in Stewart county, Tennessee, on the 7th of August, 1841, a son of Thomas and Martha (Sims) Mullen, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky and the latter of Tennessee, where they maintained their residence until 1848 and then came to Marion county, Iowa. There were comparatively few settlers living within the borders of this county and much of the land was still in possession of the government. Mr. Mullen entered a claim and the family took up their abode thereon, living in a little log cabin covered with clapboard roof. There was a puncheon floor and clapboard door and on the outside of the door hung the latchstring, save when it was withdrawn at night for safety, thus locking the cabin. There was a mud and stick chimney through which the smoke made its egress from a

large fireplace. In that primitive home the family lived for eight years, when it was replaced by a more modern and substantial residence. As time passed on the father continued the work of the farm and converted the wild prairie land into productive fields. His wife passed away in this county, but Mr. Mullen afterward went to Whiting, Iowa, where his last days were spent. In the family were ten children, of whom five are living.

T. H. Mullen remained at home until he attained his majority, being reared in the usual manner of farmer lads who spent their youth upon the frontier. He shared with the family in the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life and early became a factor in the development of the new farm. Following the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted for service in the Union army, joining the boys in blue of Company A, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for thirteen months, when, on account of physical disability he was honorably discharged at Keokuk. He then returned to Marion county and began farming on his own account on a tract of land in Liberty township which he purchased. For about forty years thereafter he owned, occupied and improved that place, converting it into a well developed farm property, from which he annually gathered good harvests. In 1906, however, he sold out and removed to Oklahoma, where he purchased two hundred acres of land, upon which he lived for four years. At the end of that time he disposed of his property in the southwest and returned to Marion county, establishing his home in Columbia, where for the past four years he has now lived retired, enjoying the rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

On the 19th of April, 1863, Mr. Mullen was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Harvey, a native of Wapello county, Iowa, and a daughter of Nicholas and Harriett (Williams) Harvey, both of whom were natives of Virginia and in 1845 came to Iowa, settling upon a farm in Wapello county. Later they came to Marion county and afterward removed to Monona county, where their remaining days were passed. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen have a family of seven children: Martha, now the wife of J. P. Hulan, of Oklahoma; Charles, who is living in Lucas county, Iowa; Ada, the wife of L. L. Bingham; Della, the wife of M. Essex; Fred, of Appleton City, Missouri; Emmett, who is now in Los Angeles, California; and Lewis, of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullen are members of the Christian Union church and guide their lives by its teachings. In his political views Mr. Mullen is a democrat. He belongs to the Independent Order of

Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in the local lodge. He also maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army post at Knoxville. His life has been an active one, characterized by industry and progressiveness in business, by loyalty in citizenship and by devotion to all the duties and obligations which have devolved upon him.

J. W. AVERY.

J. W. Avery was for many years a blacksmith in Knoxville and was known as an able workman. He was born in Michigan in 1856, a son of James and Sarah (Salters) Avery. His father was a farmer by occupation and was also a veteran of the Civil war, having served in that historic conflict for three years. The family is of English descent.

J. W. Avery was reared in his native state, but in 1889, when a young man of thirty-three years, came to Iowa and located at Atlantic, where he remained for one year. In 1890 he removed to Knoxville and here opened a blacksmith shop, which he conducted successfully until his death, which occurred on the 22d of September, 1908. In the intervening eighteen years he established himself firmly in the confidence and respect of those who knew him and gained a reputation as an expert at his trade.

In 1876 Mr. Avery married Miss Mary Watkins, likewise a native of Michigan and a daughter of John Watkins, and she survives and lives in Knoxville. They were the parents of three children. Frank, who was born in Michigan in 1878, was educated in the public schools of Knoxville and for twelve years was connected with Culver & Company but is now a partner in the Avery-Clelland Company, which owns a hardware business in Knoxville. He married Maude Sheddan of Knoxville and has a daughter, Ruth. He is independent in politics and fraternally belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Arthur, the second son of J. W. Avery, was born in Michigan in 1880 and was also educated in the Knoxville public schools. For twelve years he assisted his father in the latter's blacksmith shop, but since May, 1910, has been a partner in the Avery-Clelland Company. He married Miss Lola Culver, of Knoxville, and has two children, Robert and Alice. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Harry was born in Knoxville on the 19th of August, 1892, and graduated from the Knoxville

public schools. He is connected with the same hardware business as his brothers. The concern is known as Avery-Clelland Company and was founded in 1907 by J. W., Frank L. and Arthur Avery and W. W. Clelland. The store occupies a building one story and basement, eighty-two by one hundred feet in dimensions, which is located on East Main street, and the company carries a general line of hardware and farm implements.

J. W. Avery was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and held all of the chairs in the local subordinate lodge. His widow is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and takes an active part in the furtherance of its cause. Mr. Avery was independent in politics, took a great interest in public affairs, and for two terms served upon the city council, in which capacity, as in his private life, he did all within his power to secure the general welfare. His demise, which occurred in 1908, was sincerely regretted and in his passing the city lost a valuable citizen.

E. C. VARENKAMP.

E. C. Varenkamp occupies a position of leadership among the residents of Iowa of Dutch birth or descent as editor of Pella's Weekblad, one of the most important papers in this state printed in the Dutch language. Mr. Varenkamp has had editorial charge of the paper since 1904 and has proved himself a journalist of no mean ability. He was born at The Hague, Holland, on the 25th of September, 1844, a son of Johan Hendrick and Teutje (Van Maurik) Varenkamp. The father was engaged in the grocery business in that city.

Mr. Varenkamp of this review attended the public schools in the capital city of Holland and received a thorough education. He is the only one of the family to come to this country and immediately upon landing made his way to Pella, Iowa, where he arrived in May, 1867. He engaged in farming until 1884 and then went to St. Louis, where he remained for a year. He subsequently returned to Pella and for three and a half years was the owner of a notion store here. At the end of that time he again sought his fortune elsewhere, going to Nebraska, where he remained for three years, and subsequently to South Dakota, where he farmed for two and a half years. In 1890 he returned to Pella and engaged in various lines of work until 1904. In that year he became the editor of the Weekblad and has held that

position ever since. In the ten years that he has been connected with the publication he has maintained a high standard of excellence, not only on the editorial page, but in all departments of the paper, and it has the respect of the press of the state. Mr. Varenkamp is a man of wide knowledge and broad learning and is constantly increasing his store of information through varied and well chosen reading.

Mr. Varenkamp was married in 1871 to Miss Geertje Boot, of Pella, a daughter of Marinus and Hendrika (Versteeg) Boot, early settlers of Pella. Mr. and Mrs. Varenkamp have become the parents of ten children, two of whom have passed away. John M. is a resident of Sully, Iowa; Hattie is the wife of Joe C. Lowder, a resident of Broken Bow, Nebraska; Anna married Charles Roten, a farmer residing near Sully; Lydia is now Mrs. Earl Reno, of Grinnell, Iowa; Mary is the widow of Jess Wise and lives at Pella; Emma married Harry Stratton and is a resident of Newton, this state; Nellie is now Mrs. H. O. Cowles and lives in Louisville, Kentucky; Fred resides in Citrus Grove, Texas; Blanche died when thirteen years of age; and Emma died at the age of four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Varenkamp are members of the Reformed church. He is a democrat and loyally supports the candidates of that party at the polls. He is well known in Pella and highly esteemed because of his industry, perseverance and integrity.

T. G. GILSON.

T. G. Gilson has amply demonstrated his financial ability as business manager of the Knoxville Journal, and under his management that paper is conducted along up-to-date and efficient lines. He understands the importance of eliminating waste and of keeping down the cost of publication as far as is consistent with a high standard of typographical work and he has also been successful in increasing the circulation and the amount of space sold for advertising purposes. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the 22d of November, 1848, a son of James W. and Martha M. (Shearer) Gilson, both natives of the Keystone state. The paternal grandfather, William Gilson, spent his entire life in Pennsylvania and his father, Thomas Gilson, was also a resident of that state. He fought in the Revolutionary war, saw a great deal of active service and was wounded in the battle of Trenton.

James W. Gilson brought his family to Knoxville, the date of their arrival in this city being the 4th of April, 1862. A wagon maker by trade he opened a shop here which he conducted until his demise in 1886. His widow survived for two years, dying in 1888 in the faith of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a member. To their union were born fourteen children, five of whom grew to maturity. John C., a farmer by occupation, came to this county in 1856. Sue U. became the wife of John T. Wright, who for a number of years was a locomotive engineer and who was a man of much mechanical ingenuity, the inventor of metallic packing. About 1880 he removed to Marion county and for a number of years engaged in farming. Both he and his wife are deceased, her demise occurring in April, 1914, at Tacoma, Washington. Delia married B. R. Ewalt, a merchant of Knoxville. He was for several years county auditor and proved a capable official. He is deceased and his widow lives at Cedar Falls, this state. T. G., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Robert M. resides at San Diego, California.

T. G. Gilson attended the public schools in the acquirement of his scholastic education and also learned the painter's trade in his youth. After being telegraph operator in Ohio for a time he was for ten years engaged in the real-estate business in Knoxville. Later he was a clerk in the postoffice at Knoxville and from 1897 to 1902 held the office of postmaster of the city. At the expiration of his term of service in that capacity he purchased an interest in the Knoxville Journal and has since been the business manager of that publication, which is one of the leading papers of the city. As he is an aggressive and astute business man the finances of the paper were never in better condition than at the present time.

Mr. Gilson was married on the 25th of June, 1874, to Miss Hattie M. Porterfield, of this city, a daughter of James and Caroline Porterfield. Her father was a farmer by occupation. To Mr. and Mrs. Gilson have been born four daughters, namely: Maude, the wife of Judge W. C. Mentzer, of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Blanche, who married O. W. Thompson, a resident of Chicago; and Gail and Mildred, both at home.

Mr. Gilson is a republican in his political allegiance and has taken an active part in the management of local affairs. For thirty consecutive years he served as secretary of the city school board and for nineteen years was city clerk. For nine years he held the position of secretary of the local fair and was largely responsible for its success during that time. His experience in the management of fairs was not confined to his connection with the local fair, as for eleven

years he was assistant secretary and chairman of the finance committee of the Iowa State Fair. He was one of the originators of the Homesteaders, a fraternal insurance company with headquarters at Des Moines, and is at present the editor of the official paper of that organization which is known as The Backlog and is a monthly of sixteen pages with a circulation of twenty-two thousand, five hundred. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Gilson has not only won individual prosperity but has aided in the development of Knoxville and Marion county through his connection with the Knoxville Journal and through his work as secretary of the local fair, and his initiative and ability have found yet wider scope through his connection with the state fair and especially through his labors in behalf of the Homesteaders. In all relations of life he has proven upright and reliable, as well as capable, and he has the unqualified respect of all who have been brought in contact with him.

ASA S. MURR.

Asa S. Murr, a successful and enterprising young agriculturist of Marion county, was born on the farm where he still resides, owning and operating one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 27, Washington township. His birth occurred on the 29th of December, 1885, his parents being Bartley and Malinda (Vance) Murr, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Missouri. They came to Iowa in 1855, locating first on a farm in Monroe county and subsequently removing to Marion county. Here the father continued to make his home until called to his final rest, passing away in 1905, when the community mourned the loss of one of its esteemed citizens and substantial agriculturists. The mother still survives, however, and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here. To them were born three children, one of whom is deceased.

Asa S. Murr attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and has always remained on the farm where he was born, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits since putting aside his text-books. He now owns one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land on section 27, Washington township, and in connection with the cultivation of cereals devotes considerable attention to stock-raising. Both branches of his business yield him a gratifying annual income, and he enjoys an enviable rep-

utation as one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of the community.

In his political views Mr. Murr is a republican and at the present time holds the office of township assessor, ably discharging the duties devolving upon him in that connection. His success is well merited, for he is capable in management and displays untiring energy in carrying forward his interests.

CHARLES N. COLE.

Charles N. Cole is engaged in the wholesale and retail feed, flour and grocery business in Pella and is developing a concern of large proportions. He was for many years connected with various wholesale seed houses and has had a varied and valuable experience in that line. He was born in Pella on the 7th of June, 1850, a son of A. and Henrietta A. (DeBooy) Cole, both natives of Holland who came to Pella in 1847 with the Dutch colony which arrived in that year. Their marriage occurred at Knoxville and they subsequently located near Pella, the father purchasing government land and devoting his time to agricultural pursuits. Both he and his wife have passed away. They were members of the First Reformed church, and in his political belief he was for a time a democrat, but later became a republican.

Charles N. Cole entered the public schools of Pella and in due course of time was graduated therefrom, after which he attended the Central University of Iowa located here. After leaving school he went into the seed business in Pella and later entered the employ of J. C. Vaughan Company of Chicago. Upon leaving that firm he became connected with The A. B. Cleveland Company of New York city. During these years he traveled all over the south, selling seeds, and subsequently represented Ullethorne and Company of Memphis upon the road. In 1889 he came to Pella and established the flour, feed and grocery business which he is still conducting. He is both a wholesaler and retailer and the volume of his trade is constantly growing as the high quality of his goods and the reasonableness of his prices become more widely known. For the past three years he has also been president of the Pella Creamery Company and previous to that was vice president thereof, becoming connected with the concern at the time of its organization in January, 1904.

Mr. Cole was united in marriage in 1883 to Miss Henrietta Kruger, of Pella, whose father died when she was quite young. Her mother, aged eighty-five, is living in California. Mrs. Cole is a member of the Baptist church, and Mr. Cole is fraternally identified with the Knights of Pythias, being a charter member of the lodge at this place. His vote is cast for the candidates of the republican party, as he thoroughly believes in the principles and policies of that organization, and he has served as school treasurer and is greatly interested in the progress of the public schools. As a business man, as a citizen and as a private individual he conforms to high standards of morality and has the unqualified respect of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM L. ROBERTS.

The Froggatt Furniture Store is the oldest store of the kind in Knoxville and has a splendid reputation for a high quality of goods and fair dealing. William L. Roberts, now the owner of the store, is fully in harmony with the policies which have governed the business since its establishment. He was born in Knoxville on the 1st of June, 1872, a son of John A. and Susan A. (Moore) Roberts, both natives of Ohio, whence they removed to Knoxville in 1870. The father was for some time superintendent of the Knoxville schools and later was a traveling salesman, but the last years of his life were spent in retirement from the cares of active business life and in the enjoyment of a well deserved leisure. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in an Ohio regiment. His demise occurred on the 1st of April, 1912, but his widow survives. To them were born five children: John J.; Della, who married L. B. Meyers, of Oklahoma; William L., of this review; Roy M., who resides in Knoxville; and Fannie, the wife of Ed Butterfield, also of Knoxville.

William L. Roberts was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools of Knoxville in the pursuit of his education. After being graduated from the Knoxville high school he clerked in a grocery store for one year and then for seven years was employed in a similar capacity by G. W. Irvin, the proprietor of a furniture store. In 1899 Mr. Roberts severed this connection and in the same year purchased an interest in the W. L. Froggatt Furniture Store, being joined by W. O. Froggatt, a son of W. L. Froggatt, who retired from active connection with the business at that time.

On the 1st of January, 1913, Mr. Roberts bought out the interest of W. O. Froggatt and has since been the sole owner of the business. It is the oldest mercantile store in Knoxville and is still one of the leading establishments of its kind in the city. Its high standard of commercial integrity and the excellent stock of goods to select from have retained the trade of those who have once given it their patronage and have also gained new customers. Mr. Roberts is thoroughly familiar with the line of goods carried and is efficient and up-to-date in his business methods and under his direction the continued prosperity of the store is assured.

Mr. Roberts was married on the 28th of June, 1899, to Miss Margaret L. Taggart, a daughter of James and Jane Taggart, early settlers of this county. The father was a miller by trade but is now deceased, as is also his wife. To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been born two children, Maurine and John.

Mr. Roberts is a member of the Presbyterian church and in politics supports the men and measures of the republican party. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men. He belongs to Oriental Lodge, No. 61, F. & A. M.; Tadmor Chapter, R. A. M.; Melita Commandery, K. T.; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He has given the greater part of his time to the direction of his private business interests but has not been too absorbed in his personal affairs to cooperate with a number of movements that have resulted in good to his city and county.

JOHN RICHARDS.

During the past five years, beginning in 1909, John Richards has lived retired in Pleasantville, where he owns and occupies a fine home. He is a retired farmer of the county and a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families. His birth occurred in Coshocton county, Ohio, December 28, 1845, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. William Richards, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He was but eleven years of age when the family came to Marion county, arriving in 1856. Here he attended the public schools. The school building was of logs, its furnishings were crude and the methods of instruction were also somewhat primitive, but through that early training and also through later experience, observation and reading Mr. Richards has added largely to

his knowledge, becoming a practical, capable business man and one well informed on many general questions of the day. He has always followed farming and stock-raising and has met with a substantial measure of success.

Mr. Richards remained at home until seventeen years of age and then enlisted in August, 1863, as a member of Company A, Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was with the western army in a number of important engagements but was never wounded. His brother Josiah was also a soldier, being with the boys in blue of Company I, Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was born July 4, 1843, and died just after the battle of Helena, Arkansas. John Richards remained at the front until after the close of the war and is familiar with all of the experiences of military life. He was mustered out on the 19th of August, 1865, after which he resumed work upon the home farm, assisting his father up to the time of his marriage.

It was in 1870 that John Richards was joined in wedlock to Miss Matilda E. De Haven, who was born in Virginia, a daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Rowe) De Haven. Her mother reached the age of ninety-three years in September, 1914. She is still enjoying good health, is active and reads the daily papers each day without the aid of glasses and is thoroughly informed on current events. She makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Richards. Mr. De Haven passed away in Ohio forty-five years ago. He devoted his life to farming and after his death his widow came to Marion county, where she has spent the past forty-five years. In their family were three sons and three daughters and with the exception of one son all are yet living.

During different periods of her girlhood Mrs. Richards resided with her parents in Virginia, Ohio and Iowa. By her marriage she has become the mother of eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, as follows: Bert, a farmer residing one mile west of Pleasantville, who wedded Miss Nora Silvers, who had been reared in the home of T. R. Brown; Eva, who is the wife of Benjamin Cleveland, of Pleasant Grove township, this county; Thirza, who is the widow of Alfred Hickman and is associated with her brother George in the operation of a farm in Pleasant Grove township; Eunice, who is the wife of E. F. Radloff and resides near Marshalltown, Iowa; Margery, who gave her hand in marriage to B. D. Orcutt, of Pleasant Grove township; Belle, who is the wife of E. E. Rue, a carpenter and builder of Melcher, Iowa; Daisy, who taught school for some years and is now the wife of Cecil Shawver, of Pleasant Grove township; Urias, who wedded Miss George Kerr and follows farm-

ing in Pleasant Grove township; Fred, a farmer residing near Pleasantville, who married Miss Ruth Hayes; George, who owns and operates a farm in association with his sister, Mrs. Thirza Hickman; and Nora, at home. The children have all been provided with good educational advantages and in addition to attending the public schools some have attended business college. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have nineteen grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Richards are members of the Christian church and their children are all identified with the same denomination save one son, Bert, who is a Methodist. Mr. Richards belonged to the Grand Army post at Pleasantville until it was discontinued and he was formerly identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He continued to own his farm of two hundred and ten acres until January, 1914, when he sold that property. He won a substantial measure of success in his agricultural activities and gained thereby the handsome competence which now enables him to live retired and yet enjoy the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

JAMES S. BELLAMY.

James S. Bellamy for many years has been connected with the live-stock and grain business in Knoxville and since 1901 has been associated with the firm of Seth Way & Company. He is also the president of the Marion County Electric Company, which operates the electric light and power plant and telephone system and was formerly known as the Knoxville Electric Company. Mr. Bellamy was born in Switzerland county, Indiana, on the 12th of February, 1848, a son of Samuel King and Acassina (Manford) Bellamy. The former was born in Switzerland county on the 11th of June, 1824, and the latter on the 12th of July, of that year. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Rev. Samuel Bellamy, who was born near Richmond, Virginia, in 1784, and in 1808 removed west to Indiana. He subsequently came to Marion county, Iowa, and died here in 1855. He entered the Methodist ministry when but eighteen years of age and for many years was a preacher of the gospel but he entered land from the government in Indiana and gave part of his attention to agricultural pursuits. His father was Elisha Bellamy, a son of Samuel Bellamy, Sr., who was a resident of Powhatan county, Virginia. Several of the family were ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church. The ancestry has been traced back to two brothers,

Huguenots, who came to America in colonial times and settled in different sections, one remaining in the north and the other going south.

Samuel K. Bellamy, the father of our subject, was reared in Indiana and was there married. In 1853, when twenty-nine years of age, he came to Marion county, Iowa, and entered land on section 1, Washington township. In 1875 he removed to Knoxville, where he engaged in the grain, lumber and live-stock business. The firm was known as S. K. Bellamy & Sons and did a large business. He remained associated with that enterprise during his active life and passed away in 1890. He was a large landowner, holding title to over eight hundred acres of land, some of which is still in the possession of the family. One of the organizers of the republican party in Marion county, he was prominent in its councils and was candidate for the state legislature at one time; a member of the city council and of the school board for a number of years. In 1882 he took a prominent part in the campaign for prohibition. In religious belief he was a Methodist, thus following the family tradition. He was much interested in the improvement of the live stock in the county and was an organizer and the first treasurer of the Iowa Short Horn Breeders Association. He was a leader in several lines of activity and was highly esteemed throughout the county. His wife was a daughter of James Manford, a veteran of the War of 1812, who died in 1831 when his daughter Acassina was a child of seven years. She is still living and has passed the ninetieth milestone upon life's journey, now making her home at Knoxville with a daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Craig. She is unusually active for one of her years and her mind retains its clarity remarkably well. She is a member of the Methodist church. Her family were for many years residents of Virginia and her parents were born there, although her birth occurred in Indiana, as previously stated.

James S. Bellamy was but five years of age when brought to this county and has lived here most of the time since. His educational opportunities were somewhat limited, as school was only conducted for a few months in the year in early days and as his time was largely occupied in assisting with the farm work. When twenty-two years of age he went west and for a number of years was connected with cattle ranches on the plains of western Kansas, Colorado and Texas. For three years he engaged in buying and selling stock. In 1875 he returned to Knoxville and turned his attention to the grain, lumber and live-stock business as a member of the firm of S. K. Bellamy & Sons, continuing in that line until the present time, although the firm

is now Seth Way & Company, that style having been adopted in 1901. The company concentrates its activities upon the grain and live-stock business, the lumber interests having been sold in 1900. Mr. Bellamy is also the president of the Marion County Electric Company, which operates the electric light plant and telephone system at Knoxville and the oversight of these public utilities demands a great deal of his time and thought. He has an organizing mind and has developed these systems until they are now efficient and profitable. He has also been active in politics and was at one time candidate for state senator and was the candidate of his party for representative from this district in 1914.

Mr. Bellamy was married February 13, 1879, to Miss Mary Alice French, who was born February 9, 1859, in Knoxville, Iowa, a daughter of Dr. J. T. French, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, as well as a detailed account of the family genealogy. To Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy have been born five children. Paul E., born November 17, 1879, is now a rancher of western South Dakota. He saw service in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war with the Fifty-first Iowa Volunteers. He is married and has four children. Herbert, manager of the light department of the Marion County Electric Company at Knoxville, is a young man of thirty-two years of age, his birth occurring on the 20th of June, 1882. Earl Delmar, born on the 25th of August, 1885, is manager of the telephone department of the Marion County Electric Company. Rebecca Imogene, whose birth occurred on the 4th of September, 1892, is attending the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. Mary Marguerite, born June 16, 1897, is a graduate of the Knoxville high school.

Mr. Beilamy is a member of the Masonic fraternity and has taken the Knights Templar degrees. His wife is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is past worthy matron. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge and encampment and served for one year as grand master and for two years as grand patriarch of the grand lodge of Iowa. For four years he was grand representative to the sovereign grand lodge. His wife belongs to the Rebekahs and was for two terms president of the Rebekah State Assembly. He is a charter member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and was its first chancellor commander. Mrs. Bellamy belongs to the Pythian Sisters and is also a member of the P. E. O. Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy are both members of the Methodist church and give of their time to the furtherance of its work. He is a republican in his political belief and for thirteen years was a member of

the school board, being president of that body when the present high-school buildings were erected. He is now chairman of the library board and in this connection is doing much for the intellectual advancement of the city. His support can always be counted upon for any movement that seeks the betterment of his community and his influence is always wielded for the general good.

WILLIAM GULLION.

Marion county lost one of her native sons and honored pioneer settlers when William Gullion passed away in September, 1901. He was then in the fifty-third year of his age, his birth having occurred in this county on the 23d of March, 1849. His parents were Eli and Mary (Whitlatch) Gullion, who were natives of Indiana and in the '40s came to Iowa, here making their home until they were called to their final rest.

William Gullion was reared amid the scenes and environments of pioneer life and shared with the family in all of the hardships and privations incident to settlement upon the frontier. He could remember back to the time when much of the land was unclaimed and uncultivated. The broad prairies were starred with a million wildflowers in June but in December were covered with a dazzling and unbroken sheet of snow. One could ride for miles without coming to a fence to impede his progress. There were comparatively few roads laid out and only in slight measure had the work of development and improvement been carried forward.

William Gullion aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm and remained upon the home place until he reached the age of thirty-one years. He then married and established a home of his own. The lady of his choice was Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Davis) Nicholson, who was born in Jackson county, Missouri, a daughter of Hampton and Cynthia (Watkins) Davis, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Kentucky. They became residents of Missouri, where they lived for some time, and in 1849 removed to Marion county, Iowa, where both Mr. and Mrs. Davis spent their remaining days. By her first marriage Mrs. Gullion had a daughter, Esther M. Nicholson, now the wife of I. J. Gullion. Unto Mr. and Mrs. William Gullion were born two sons, Loren A. and Guy C. The family circle was broken by the hand of death when, in September, 1901, Mr. Gullion passed away. There were many friends who

mourned his loss and his memory is yet cherished by those who knew him. His widow still owns the old homestead farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Indiana and Washington townships and from this property derives a good annual income. She is a member of the Methodist Protestant church and has lived a life in harmony with its teachings. She possesses marked business capability and attends to all of her own interests in connection with the farm and the management of her property. She is widely and favorably known and has a circle of warm friends in the section of the county in which she makes her home.

SAMUEL TETER.

One of the successful native sons of the county is Samuel Teter, who owns and operates two hundred and forty-four acres of fine land on section 12, Union township. He does mixed farming, raising both grain and stock, and is one of the representative and progressive agriculturists of the county. He was born upon the farm where he still lives on the 15th of October, 1855, a son of Samuel E. and Eliza Jane (Leuty) Teter. The father was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1817 and the mother in the same county five years later. They were married in Ohio and there the father farmed until 1844, when he came with his family to this state and in March, 1845, settled upon the farm which is now in the possession of his son Samuel. Mr. Teter, Sr., entered the land from the government and also other tracts, becoming the owner in all of about five hundred acres. The family made the trip from Ohio to Iowa with a horse team and shipped their household goods by a boat which was sunk in the Mississippi river, occasioning the total loss of their furniture. Mrs. Teter's brother George and his wife were on the boat and barely escaped with their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Teter were the parents of eight children, four boys and four girls, two of whom died in infancy. The subject of this review is the next to the youngest. The father died in 1906, having survived his wife since 1899.

Samuel Teter of this review was educated in the Blaine school near his home and remained upon the homestead until his marriage. After that event he began farming on his own account in this county but after three years, or in 1876, went to Kansas, where he remained for twenty-three years. He owned about six hundred and forty acres of land there, which he sold at the end of that time and removed

to Oklahoma, where he lived for about seven years. He homesteaded a quarter section in that state which he still owns. Upon leaving Oklahoma he returned to this county and has since engaged in farming the homestead. He raises stock extensively, breeding Poland China hogs and Polled Angus cattle. He sells about three carloads of stock a year and this branch of his activities is proving an especially profitable one. He also cultivates the fields and in all that he does is energetic and capable.

Mr. Teter was married in 1874 to Miss Mary Harriett, a daughter of John and Rebecca Harriett. She was born in Ohio in 1855 and when a child accompanied her parents to Iowa, receiving the greater part of her education in Mahaska and Marion counties. To Mr. and Mrs. Teter were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Nellie May, who married H. H. Elwood, of Colorado; Wanda, the wife of J. W. Norris, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Azel E., who married Robert Mitchell and resides in Nebraska; Tressie, the wife of J. B. Wilbur, of Polk township; William, who is married and resides in Nebraska; and Cora M., who married Burt Carr and resides in this county.

Mr. Teter is a republican in politics and fraternally is identified with Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M., at Knoxville. His life has been well spent and has gained him not only a competence but also the regard of many friends.

D. B. ELLIOTT.

The retired farmers living in Knoxville form one of the most valued elements in the population of the city and one of the best known of them is D. B. Elliott, who is leasing his two farms to his sons. One tract of land is situated in Knoxville township and the other just over the line in Polk township. Altogether he owns five hundred and seventy-five acres of well improved and fertile land. He has resided in Knoxville and its vicinity since 1854 and his interests are thoroughly identified with those of the city and the surrounding country.

Mr. Elliott was born near Glasgow, in Barren county, Kentucky, on the 13th of September, 1850, a son of William and Mary A. (Underwood) Elliott, both likewise natives of the Blue Grass state. Their families were early established in Kentucky and were highly esteemed. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott came to Marion county, Iowa, and

purchased government land four miles north of Knoxville, in Polk township, paying one dollar and a quarter per acre, but the same land is now easily worth one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. About 1867 Mr. Elliott sold out but afterward bought another farm in Polk township situated near the land which he formerly owned. For the second tract he paid twenty-five dollars per acre. A number of years later he sold that farm also and bought six acres and a residence in Knoxville. He subsequently purchased a farm in Cass county, Iowa, which he continued to own until his death. He made another trip to Kentucky and bought a farm there which he later sold. He was very successful in buying, trading and dealing in farms and became quite well-to-do. His political adherence was given to the democratic party. He died on the 19th of April, 1900, when eighty-four years of age. He came of a family noted for longevity, his father reaching the age of ninety-six years. His wife died in 1907, when seventy-eight years of age. She was a Baptist in religious faith. To their union were born eight children, of whom one daughter has passed away. Three daughters and two sons live in Cass county, Iowa, one daughter resides in South Dakota and the subject of this review is a resident of Knoxville.

D. B. Elliott completed the course in the country schools and subsequently attended the Central University at Pella for some time. He taught school for several years in early manhood but the greater part of his active life was devoted to farming. He was very successful and harvested annually large crops, which brought good returns upon the market. For four years he was engaged in the real-estate business in Knoxville. He still owns two fine farms which are operated by his sons.

On the 31st of December, 1871, Mr. Elliott was married in this county to Miss Margaret West, who was born in 1852 in Pike county, Ohio, and came to this county in 1856 with her parents, Jacob and Margaret (Johnson) West, the family locating in Polk township. Her father, who lives in Knoxville at the advanced age of eighty-six years, has always been a stanch democrat in politics. Mrs. Elliott was reared in this county and here educated. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are six in number. Edna married George McClain, of Knoxville township, and they have a daughter, Fern. Byrd is the wife of Carl Gamble, a merchant of Knoxville, and they are the parents of two daughters, Loraine and Virginia. Myrtle married Fred Woodruff, who is engaged in the boot, shoe and clothing business in Knoxville and to their union a son, Elliott Parker, has been born. Jacob, who is operating one of his father's farms,

married Miss Lena Johnson and has a son, Vance. Margaret is the wife of Ray E. Savage, who is engaged in the laundry business in Knoxville. Walter, the youngest of the family, is operating land belonging to his father. He married Miss Lulu Jones.

Mr. Elliott has always voted the democratic ticket and believes firmly in the wisdom of the policies of that party. He is a member of the Congregational church and his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. His fraternal associations are with the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter. He has built a comfortable home at No. 803 Douglas street and there he and his family reside. They are secure in the respect and esteem of those who know them, for their lives are characterized by integrity and honorable dealing.

JOHN J. ROBERTS.

John J. Roberts is an important factor in the financial life of Knoxville, as he is cashier of the Knoxville National Bank, one of the leading moneyed institutions of the county. He was born in Crawford county, Ohio, on the 23d of September, 1867, a son of John A. and Susan A. (Moore) Roberts, both natives of that state. His maternal grandfather was James Moore, a farmer of Crawford county. John A. Roberts served in the Civil war, being a member of Company C, One Hundred and First Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, and was wounded in the battle of Murfreesboro. He was a non-commissioned officer, being sergeant. In 1869 he brought his family to Knoxville, Iowa, and for several years was principal of the public schools here. He also taught in other places but later in life was a traveling salesman for a number of years. He lived retired for some time before his death, which occurred on the 1st of April, 1912. His widow survives. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church and held the office of elder. In political affairs he was a republican, and fraternally he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He had five children, namely: John J., of this review; Della, who married L. B. Meyers, a resident of El Reno, Oklahoma; William L., who lives in Knoxville; Roy M., a traveling salesman living in Knoxville; and Fannie, also a resident of this city and the wife of Ed Butterfield, by whom she has a son, Arthur Edwin.

John J. Roberts was reared and educated in Knoxville, as were his brothers and sisters. After leaving school he went on the road with his father for one winter, but in 1887, when twenty years of age, entered the employ of the Knoxville National Bank as bookkeeper. He proved faithful to trust and apt in learning the banking routine and also displayed a ready understanding of the commercial and monetary principles that underlie the banking business. His ability won him promotion to the office of assistant cashier and on the 12th of April, 1910, he was made cashier. Since that time he has held that responsible position and under his administrative direction the affairs of the bank have prospered and it has served the community well and also paid good dividends to its stockholders. Its policy is one of progressiveness balanced by sufficient conservatism to insure the safety of the funds deposited with it.

Mr. Roberts married Miss Adda M. Myers, a daughter of W. R. and Esther C. (Craddick) Myers, of Knoxville. To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been born two children: Esther and Harold, both at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts belong to the Presbyterian church. He is a staunch republican in politics and has served as school treasurer. He is identified with a number of fraternal organizations here, being a member of Oriental Lodge, No. 61, F. & A. M., of which he is past master; and of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has held all of the chairs; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is past grand. He is also a grand master of the exchequer of the grand lodge of Iowa of the Knights of Pythias. His life has been one of enterprise and of constant striving to increase his efficiency, and the responsible place he holds in banking circles in the county has been won by merit and industry, and the esteem which is entertained for him personally by his fellow citizens is equally well deserved.

PRICE JONES.

On the list of Marion county's honored dead appears the name of Price Jones, who was well known in his community as a representative farmer, stock-raiser and mine owner. He was prominent in local affairs and his influence was always on the side of progress and improvement. A native of Ohio, he was born in Monroe county, February 19, 1839, his parents being Joseph and Margaret Jones.

The family arrived in Iowa in 1849 and settled on government land in Liberty township, for it was then the pioneer epoch in the history of this section of the state and the work of progress and improvement had been scarcely begun. The family is of English and Dutch extraction. The parents continued to reside upon the home farm through many years and the father carefully transformed the place from a tract of wild prairie into richly cultivated fields. He was closely associated with the pioneer development and lived to see remarkable changes in the county. Both he and his wife have now passed away and they were laid to rest at Sandy Ridge.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Price Jones during the period of his boyhood and youth. He was a lad of but ten years when the family came to Marion county and he shared with the others in the hardships incident to life on the frontier. He became an active assistant in the work of the fields as his age and strength increased and after reaching manhood he felt no desire to change his occupation. On the contrary he concentrated his efforts upon farming and stock-raising and became the owner of an excellent tract of land which he brought under a high state of cultivation. He was also successful as a stock-raiser and became well known as a mine owner. In addition to his property in Marion county, which comprised many acres of farm land, he was the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Jefferson township, Mahaska county, and at one time he also owned and operated a coal mine in Marion county.

On the 11th of April, 1868, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Dorcas L. Long, by whom he had two children, Joseph and Alvah. The wife and mother passed away in March, 1872, and on the 26th of November, 1876, Mr. Jones was again married, his second union being with Miss S. Jane McDowell, a daughter of James and Jane (Bigham) McDowell. Her mother came to Marion county as a widow in 1849, here married again and spent the remainder of her life. To Price and Jane (McDowell) Jones were born three children, namely: Willis; Maggie, who died at the age of six months; and Mary.

Mr. Jones exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and was greatly interested in the welfare and upbuilding of his section of the state. At different times he was called to local offices and ever discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, doing the best possible for the public in his official service. He was entitled to wear the little bronze button that proclaims a man a member of the Grand Army of the Re-

public, for he served throughout the entire period of the Civil war as a member of Company C, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was home on a furlough but once throughout the long period of hostilities. He never faltered in the performance of duty, was frequently in the thickest of the fight and took part in the long marches and strenuous campaigns. In days of peace he was equally loyal to his country and her welfare, and his devotion to the public good was manifest in many tangible ways. His death occurred March 27, 1882, since which time his widow has taken up her abode in Bussey, where she now makes her home.

LYMAN LEE BYBEE.

For a number of years Lyman Lee Bybee was actively engaged in agriculture and still owns three hundred and forty-five acres of fine land although he now devotes his time to other lines of work. He owns one of the best equipped garages in Knoxville and does a large business in that connection and also as agent for two well known makes of cars. He is a man of prominence in political circles of this part of the state and is now representing his district in the state legislature.

Mr. Bybee was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, on the 3d of April, 1856, a son of Jacob and Anna (Mayer) Bybee, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. His paternal grandfather, Washington Bybee, was born in Virginia and was a son of John Bybee, also a native of the Old Dominion. The last named was a veteran of the Revolutionary war and moved to Ohio at an early day in the history of that state. Washington Bybee was a farmer and stockman and well known in his locality. His son, Jacob Bybee, removed to Indiana when a young man and devoted his time to farming and the buying and selling of stock. Both he and his wife are deceased.

Lyman L. Bybee's educational advantages were limited to the course offered in the public schools and on the 7th of March, 1876, when a young man of twenty years, he came to Iowa, locating in Knoxville, where for a few years he followed his trade, that of a carpenter. He was married in 1878 and in 1880 purchased a farm in Washington township. He resided upon his place and personally cultivated it until 1902. He also owned another tract comprising two hundred acres, his real estate aggregating five hundred and

forty-five acres, of which he still owns three hundred and forty-five acres, and his farm returns to him a gratifying annual income. He was much interested in the breeding of fast horses while farming and owned Franker, who made a record of 2:10 $\frac{3}{4}$. In 1902 Mr. Bybee removed to Knoxville and has since resided in this city. In that year he assumed the duties of county sheriff, to which office he had been elected in the fall previous. He served two terms, or five years, and did good work in the preservation of the peace and the apprehension of malefactors. At the expiration of his second term of office he established a furniture and undertaking business, which he conducted for about six years, selling out in February, 1914. In 1913 he built a garage sixty by one hundred and twenty feet in dimensions, of concrete construction and with a living-room above. A complete repair shop is located here and he does a great deal of that kind of work. He also has the agency for the Ford and Overland cars and is proving an aggressive representative of the interests of the manufacturers.

In 1913 Mr. Bybee was elected a representative to the thirty-fourth general assembly and his record as a lawmaker has amply justified the trust and confidence placed in him by his constituents. The casting of his ballot has always been determined by the bearing of any proposed bill upon the general welfare and his vote has always been given in support of any measure that sought the public good.

Mr. Bybee was married in 1878 to Miss Elizabeth Emma Bellamy, of this county, a daughter of Wiley and Sarah Eliza (Snyder) Bellamy, both natives of Ohio. Her father died while serving in the Civil war. The family were among the pioneer settlers of this county, arriving in the early '40s. To Mr. and Mrs. Bybee seven children have been born. Gertrude married William Bain, of Des Moines, and they have five children. Lloyd L., who is associated with his father in the management of the garage, married Gertrude Jordan and they have three children. Anna Eliza is the wife of William J. Whitlatch, of Indiana township, and they have one child. Allen P., who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, married Kathryn Clive and they have two children. Erwa A., who is engaged in farming the homestead, married Miss Ruby Reese, by whom he has one child. Stella S. is the wife of John J. Clark of Knoxville township. Othello B. is at home.

Mr. Bybee is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and contributes to the furtherance of its work. He is a republican and, as previously stated, has served as county sheriff and is the present state representative from his district. He is also chair-

man of the republican county central committee and is one of the leaders in local political circles. Since coming to Knoxville he has served one term as alderman from the second ward. He belongs to a number of fraternal organizations, including Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M.; Tadmor Chapter, R. A. M.; the subordinate lodge and the encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Knights of Pythias; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has held all of the chairs in the lodge of Odd Fellows and has been noble grand twice. Both he and his wife belong to the Eastern Star and the Rebekahs. He has succeeded in all that he has undertaken and his achievement is more noteworthy when the fact that he has followed high moral standards in all relations of life is considered. He is among the most highly respected men in Knoxville and the esteem in which he is held is fully deserved.

JAMES A. HARTLEY.

James A. Hartley, a farmer and stockman who for the past three years has resided at Knoxville, is a native of this county, his birth occurring in Dallas township, March 20, 1876. His father, John David Hartley, is still living at Dallas and his mother, who in her maidenhood was Miss Catherine Stevenson, has passed away. They were pioneer residents of the county and contributed much to its early development. They had several children, who now are residing in various parts of the country.

James A. Hartley received a good common-school education, which fitted him to take an intelligent part in the world's work. When he was but seven years of age he lost his mother and while still a youth assumed a large share of the management of the farm, as his older brother, who had been directing its operation, died. The self-reliance which he gained then has continued a salient trait of his character and has been an influential factor in his success in life. He has continued to farm and now owns some fifteen hundred acres of land in Dallas and Washington townships, Marion county, and in Pleasant township, Lucas county, Iowa. He also has other interests, as he is a partner in the firm of Stotts & Company, who conduct a general store at Melcher; is likewise vice president of one of the banks there and owns stock in the other. He removed to Knoxville three years ago in order to give his family educational advantages, and this city has remained his place of residence ever since.

Mr. Hartley was married in this county to Miss Carrie C. Wagner, a daughter of the late Daniel Wagner, and they have two children, a son and daughter: Byron Dale, who was born January 5, 1904, is attending school, being in the fifth grade; and Helen Deborah is in the third grade.

Mr. Hartley usually supports the republican candidates at the polls but reserves the right to vote independently whenever he considers that the interests of good government will be best served by so doing. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is affiliated with the Masonic order. Mr. Hartley is a very practical man and manages his affairs excellently, displaying sound judgment and knowledge of business conditions. He is one of the well-to-do men of the county and it is generally conceded that his prosperity is due to his enterprise and wise management. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and his influence is always on the side of justice and true progress.

EDGAR M. OSBORN.

Edgar M. Osborn is successfully engaged in merchandising at Tracy, having there conducted a general store since February, 1912. His birth occurred in Dallas county, Iowa, on the 13th of October, 1881, his parents being J. P. and Alice S. (Sumner) Osborn, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They removed to Dallas county, Iowa, in an early day, settling on a farm whereon the mother eventually passed away. The father survives, however, and now makes his home in Arkansas. They had three children, all of whom are yet living.

Edgar M. Osborn had the advantage of a high-school education in his youth and remained at home until he was seventeen years of age. Subsequently he was employed in a grocery store for some time and in February, 1912, embarked in business on his own account, opening a general store at Tracy, where he has carried on merchandising continuously to the present time. He displays a large and well selected stock of goods and is accorded a liberal and gratifying patronage because of his reasonable prices and his courteous treatment of customers.

In November, 1908, Mr. Osborn was united in marriage to Miss Leora M. Hanna, a daughter of William R. and Julia (Rouze) Hanna, who were born in Ohio and Iowa respectively. Their three

children all survive. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn are the parents of a daughter, Alice J., who was born on the 26th of November, 1911. Mr. Osborn gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while both he and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He is one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of the community, as well as one of the substantial merchants, and has many friends who accord him the esteem he well merits.

WILLIAM E. HYER.

For the past twelve years William E. Hyer, a retired farmer and stock-raiser, has resided in Knoxville and he is favorably known in this city. During his active life he followed agricultural pursuits in Union township. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, on the 27th of December, 1837, a son of Job and Angeline (Scott) Hyer, natives of Ohio and Spottsylvania county, Virginia, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Hyer, was born in Pennsylvania and served in the War of 1812. His father, John Hyer, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and assisted in freeing the colonies from the dominion of England. The family is of English descent. The mother of our subject removed to Ohio from Virginia when a girl and there married and resided during the remainder of her life. She lived to the advanced age of eighty-two years, surviving her husband for many years, as he died when but thirty-eight years of age. He was twice married and by his first union had a son, Rufus Hyer, who was killed in the Mexican war. Five children were born of his marriage with Miss Scott, the only ones surviving besides the subject of this review being a brother who is living in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio, and a sister.

When seven years of age William E. Hyer was taken to Ross county, Ohio, and there spent the greater part of his boyhood and youth. When nineteen years old he came to Iowa, arriving in Marion county November 2, 1857. He had no money and made the long trip from Ohio with an ox team. He was married and had one child and his family accompanied him on the journey westward. They settled in Polk township, where Mr. Hyer engaged in farming until the Civil war. On the 15th of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Western Army until August 16, 1865, when he was discharged. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and the battles of Little Rock,

Camden, Jenkins Ferry and Prairie De Ann but was fortunate enough to escape without being wounded. After receiving his discharge he returned home and began the cultivation of a farm in Union township. He first bought eighty acres of land but added to his realty until he became the owner of four hundred and forty acres. In 1902 he sold out and gave a considerable sum of money to each of his children.

On the 2d of November, 1856, Mr. Hyer was married in Ross county, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Benson, who died in Marion county, Iowa, on the 2d of April, 1909. She was born in February, 1840, in Ross county and became the mother of nine children, all of whom survive, are married and have families. Two reside in Emmet county, Iowa; two in Marion county; one in Minnesota; two in Canada; one in Montana; and one in Page county, Iowa. On the 16th of November, 1910, Mr. Hyer was again married. His present wife is a daughter of David Kuhns and was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of May, 1840. In the spring of 1851 she accompanied the other members of the family to Iowa, living in the vicinity of Bellevue, Jackson county, for twenty-three years. At the end of that time the family removed to Marion county, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. The father was called to his final rest in 1885 but the mother survived until 1900, dying when eighty-seven years of age. To them were born nine children, six of whom are still living. Mrs. Hyer gave fine proof of her filial devotion by lovingly caring for her parents during their later years and remained at home until both had passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyer are members of the Congregational church and active in the support of all good causes. Although both have passed the three score years and ten allotted to man by the Psalmist they are enjoying good health and still have a part in the community life of Knoxville, where they are well known and highly respected.

G. A. STOUT.

G. A. Stout is the proprietor and publisher of the Pella Booster, an eight page, all home print weekly paper which has been instrumental in securing many needed improvements in the city and county. He was born in Illinois on the 24th of April, 1868, a son of J. S. and Esther (Smith) Stout. The father was engaged in lead and zinc

mining. Mr. Stout of this review was given excellent educational opportunities, as, after graduating from the public schools, he completed a business course in the Penn College of Springfield, Missouri, being a member of the class of 1883. Upon leaving school he learned the printer's trade and for eighteen months was reporter upon the Globe-Democrat of St. Louis. He later turned his attention to job printing and learned that business thoroughly, working for twenty-one months in some of the large print shops of St. Louis. In 1891 he established the Independent, a weekly paper published at Rossville, Illinois, and joined the fight on Joseph Cannon in 1892 when that redoubtable leader went down in defeat. In 1892 he sold that paper and came to Pella, where for several years he engaged in job printing. In the same year he founded the Pella Advertiser, but after publishing it for some time sold it to A. P. Heald. On account of his health Mr. Stout gave up the printing and newspaper business for a time and returned to Illinois, but after a few months came again to Pella. He again entered the job printing business and bought Pella's Weekblad and Blade of H. Neyenesch and consolidated it with the Advertiser under the name of the Pella Chronicle. Mr. Stout in time disposed of this paper also and for a while traveled upon the road and also worked in Des Moines for a short time. In 1905 he again located at Pella, established a printing office and founded the Pella Booster. He still owns and publishes this paper, which is a weekly and which has a large circulation, its subscribers numbering at present fourteen hundred and fifty. It is in the main independent in political matters but has democratic leanings. It started as a four page paper, but now has eight pages, six columns to the page, and is all home print, which is rather unusual among the weekly papers in the smaller cities. In January, 1914, new and thoroughly modern equipment was installed, including unotype machines. Mr. Stout's thorough knowledge of the mechanical and technical side of printing insures the paper's typographical excellence and its editorial and news columns have attained an equally high standard. He is an editorial writer of force and lucidity and his leading articles are worthy of careful reading and thought. He has the journalistic sense highly developed and can gauge accurately the amount of space to which a news story is entitled. In the make-up of his paper he maintains a wise balance between local and general news and, as he exercises great care in determining the truth or falsity of accounts of happenings and places great stress upon accuracy, his paper ranks as one of the best weekly publications in this section of the state.

In 1894 Mr. Stout was united in marriage to Miss Marie Lankelma, of Pella, a daughter of Peter C. and Anna Lankelma, who in 1856 settled in this city. The father was for many years in the hardware business but during his last years lived retired. He died on the 16th of July, 1914, having survived his wife since 1908.

Mr. Stout is a democrat in politics and has served upon the county democratic central committee. He has always been an active worker for the betterment of the city and did valuable service in arousing public sentiment in favor of a municipal light and water plant. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is charter member of the local lodge of the last named fraternity. As a private citizen and especially as the editor of the Pella Booster he exercises a strong influence in the affairs of the city and county and this power is always used for the general good. His public spirit and his integrity have gained him the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

H. F. KEABLES, M. D.

For many years the name of Keables has been associated with the medical profession in Pella, as the father of our subject was a physician and surgeon, practicing here for many years, and as Dr. H. F. Keables has for twenty years or more followed his profession here. He was born at Pella on the 3d of June, 1865, a son of B. F. and Sarah J. (Scholte) Keables. The father was a native of Geneseo, New York. As a young man he entered the Keokuk Medical College and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1890. In that year he came to Pella and opened an office, remaining in the active practice of his profession until his death. He was a member of the county and state medical societies and of the American Medical Association and was one of the originators of the county society. He was for many years a member of the pension board. To some extent he specialized in the diseases of women and children and became well known for his successful treatment of those diseases. At the time of the Civil war he was surgeon for the Third Regiment of Iowa Volunteers with the rank of major. He did much toward shaping public thought and action in Pella and many of the institutions and forces that make for the welfare of the community benefited by his counsel and work

in their behalf. For many years he was president of the board of trustees of Central University of Iowa and was largely instrumental in retaining Pella as its location. In the '70s he served in the state legislature for two terms and proved a wise and efficient member of the general assembly. During McKinley's administration he was postmaster of Pella and for a long time was a member of the city school board. Fraternally he was a member of the Masons, in which he attained the Knights Templar degree, and the Odd Fellows. He attended the Baptist church and contributed to the support of the work of that organization. He passed away in 1911 and in his death the community lost one of its most useful and most highly respected citizens. Two of his brothers were also physicians. His wife, who was a daughter of Rev. H. P. Scholte and who passed away October 18, 1914, was highly esteemed by all who were privileged to know her. She was the mother of five children. H. S. is proprietor of the drug store in Pella which his father established in 1852. Kate F. is the wife of R. R. Beard and lives at Pella. J. B. is a resident of Des Moines. Dr. H. F., of this review, is the next in order of birth. May is the wife of Rev. J. B. Smith, a minister of the Baptist church, now stationed at Waterloo, Iowa.

Dr. H. F. Keables attended the Central University of Iowa for a time after his graduation from the public schools and subsequently entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, which institution gave him his professional degree in 1890 after he had completed the required course. He first located in Des Moines and practiced there for a short time, but soon he returned to his birthplace and has since, or for more than twenty years, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Pella. He has a keen realization of the fact that this is an age in which accurate scientific knowledge is of paramount importance and in which it is necessary to make continued progress if one would not be distanced in the achievement of success. He accordingly utilizes the available means for keeping abreast of the discoveries made by trained investigators who are constantly seeking to learn more of the nature and cure of disease. He belongs to the state and county medical societies and to the American Medical Association, reads much along professional lines and has taken post-graduate work in both Chicago and New York. His progressiveness, his knowledge of different systems of therapeutics and the genuine interest that he takes in every case in which he is called unite in making him one of the most successful and most prosperous physicians of the county. He holds alike the respect of the general public and of his professional colleagues.

Dr. Keables was first married in 1892 to Miss Dora E. Narkel, who died in 1894, leaving one child, Benjamin Franklin, now a clerk in the postoffice at Pella. In 1896 the Doctor was married to Miss Jessie V. Dinsmore, of Boston, Massachusetts, and to this union three children have been born: Sarah A., Esther and Frances.

Dr. Keables is a republican in politics, as he is convinced that its principles and policies offer the best means of solution for the vexed problems of our national life. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons and is a past master of the local blue lodge. During the score of years in which he has practiced his profession in Pella he has served the community well and has always been among the leaders in the effort to make the place one of the model cities of the state in respect to public sanitation and hygiene, and the consciousness of a worthy work well done is by no means the least of his reward. He has also won financial success and is considered one of the representative residents of the city. His many fine traits of character have gained him loyal friends who esteem his good opinion highly.

JACOB STIERNEMANN.

Since 1867 Jacob Stiernemann, a well known blacksmith of Otley, has resided in this county, although he was born in Greneckin, Switzerland. His birth occurred on the 1st of October, 1840, and he was therefore a young man of twenty-six years when he emigrated to America, as he arrived in this country in 1866. His parents were Jacob and Maria (Wehrlic) Stiernemann. The father was born in Switzerland in 1809 and died there in 1894, and the mother, whose birth occurred in Switzerland in 1810, passed away in 1873 in her native land. To their union were born six children: Sallie, Samuel, Jacob, Mary, Andrew and Annie.

Jacob Stiernemann, the only surviving member of the family, received his education in Switzerland and after landing in New York in 1866 went south and for six months worked on a plantation near Brunswick, Georgia, which belonged to General Gordon. At the end of that time he went successively to Baltimore, Kentucky and Keokuk. He then came to Marion county and after staying at Pella a short time removed to Otley, where he purchased a lot and started a blacksmith shop. This was in 1867 and he has since worked at his trade, which he learned in Switzerland. In the intervening years he has bought out three men and now has the only shop in the town.

His work is of a high quality and his services are satisfactory to those who patronize him. He has prospered financially and owns his comfortable residence here and ten lots. He built his own home and also two other houses and derives a gratifying addition to his income from the rent of his town property.

In 1868 Mr. Stiernemann was married to Miss Maria Carter, a daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Brucher) Carter. On her mother's side she is of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. She was born in Ohio, but in 1850 accompanied her parents to Iowa. Their children were Reuben, Rachel, George, Maria, James, Elizabeth Rebecca, King and Lydia. Mrs. Stiernemann was educated in Ohio and remained at home until her marriage, which was solemnized two miles northwest of Otley. To Mr. and Mrs. Stiernemann have been born five children: One who died in infancy; Minnie, whose birth occurred on the 23d of April, 1872; John, born April 23, 1875; Simon, January 29, 1880; and Herman, whose birth occurred on the 9th of November, 1881.

Mr. Stiernemann was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, from which he has never departed, and his influence is always on the side of right and justice. In politics he is a democrat and has served upon the school board for fifteen or twenty years. Fraternally he is quite well known, belonging to a number of orders. For ten years he has been a member of the Knights of Pythias of Pella, since 1873 he has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Monroe, and he belongs to the blue lodge of the Masons at Monroe and to the commandery at Newton, having attained the Knights Templar degree. His daughters are members of both the Eastern Star and the Rebekahs. His life has been at all times open and straightforward and his fellow citizens esteem him highly, as they know him to be a man of upright life and public spirit.

LORENZO DOW BATTEN.

One of the highly respected residents of Knoxville is Lorenzo Dow Batten, who for many years was actively engaged in business as a blacksmith in this city. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, on the 9th of July, 1845, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Bradford) Batten. His father was born in Highland county, that state, in 1812 and his mother in Brown county on the 12th of June, 1813. On the maternal side he is descended from William and Margaret (Parkin-

son) Bradford, who removed from Virginia to Brown county, Ohio, in 1822. William Bradford was a son of Samuel and Sarah Bradford, who emigrated to America from England in 1765. Margaret Parkinson was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Dickey) Parkinson, who came from England to the United States. The former was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, as was his father, William Parkinson. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Batten were married in Brown county, Ohio, in August, 1841, and resided there until 1851 or 1852, when they came to Iowa, settling near Pleasantville. The father purchased land and farmed until he retired from active life. He was a Methodist in his religious faith and was highly esteemed by his neighbors and acquaintances. He passed away in 1881, having for many years survived his wife, who died in 1853 shortly after the family removed to this state. To them were born four children. Exira married James Ruby and died leaving one daughter, Eliza Jane. Lorenzo Dow is the next in order of birth. The two youngest children died in infancy.

Lorenzo Dow Batten was but a child when he accompanied his parents to this county and his education was gained in the public schools here. As a young man he learned the trade of blacksmithing and for about forty years has conducted a shop in Knoxville. He has built up a reputation for careful and thorough work and has gained a competence through his labors. His efficiency and integrity are alike above question and many of those who patronize his shop have done so for many years, as they are satisfied that they could not do better elsewhere.

Mr. Batten was married November 7, 1870, at Pleasantville, to Miss Martha E. Duncan, a daughter of Samuel Robb and Sarah Elizabeth (Miller) Duncan. The father was born in Highland county, Ohio, in 1822 and her mother's birth occurred in the same year in Loudoun county, Virginia. They were married on the 30th of March, 1843, in Highland county, Ohio, and there Mr. Duncan passed away. About 1861 his wife came to Iowa with her children, only two of whom grew to maturity, namely: Mrs. Batten, who was born in Alexander, Missouri, November 28, 1849; and William Samuel. The mother passed away in Knoxville in 1904. Mrs. Batten is descended from Jacob Miller, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and his wife, Elizabeth Hampton. Mr. and Mrs. Batten have two children, Flora Duncan and Sarah Ellen, both of whom are successful teachers. They were educated in the Knoxville public and high schools and also attended the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls.

Mr. Batten has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for years and both of his daughters are Rebekahs. They are also members of the Methodist Episcopal church and of the Daughters of the American Revolution. His political adherence is given to the democratic party and he has served as a delegate to a number of local conventions. He takes great interest in all that affects the general good and is known as a public-spirited citizen.

JAMES ALLEN RICHARDS.

The student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the pioneer records of this county without learning that the Richards family has been prominently identified with the work of development and upbuilding here for many years. Like others of the name, James Allen Richards was long closely associated with agricultural interests but since 1907 has made his home in Pleasantville, enjoying a well earned rest. He still derives a substantial income, however, from his farm property in Pleasant Grove and Swan townships, where he has three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land which is cultivated partly by his children. His birth occurred in Coshocton county, Ohio, October 4, 1847, his father being William Richards, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He was reared under the parental roof with the usual experiences of the farm boy who spends his early life upon the frontier. He attended the country schools and assisted in the arduous task of cultivating and developing new land. To his father he gave the benefit of his services until his marriage, when he secured a farm of his own and settled thereon, making it his place of residence until 1907.

It was on the 11th of August, 1892, that Mr. Richards wedded Miss Mary A. Fleck, who was born in Prairie City, Iowa, May 29, 1873, a daughter of James E. and Margaret (McCleary) Fleck and a granddaughter of Ephraim and Rachel (Colliard) McCleary, who were Irish people, while the Flecks were of German descent. The paternal grandfather, David Fleck, was born in Germany and became the founder of the family in the new world, his son, James E. Fleck, being born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, whence he removed to Indiana. He was married in that state, at Warsaw, and afterward came to Iowa, settling near Prairie City, Jasper county. His wife died in 1879, at the age of thirty-nine years, when on a visit at Warsaw, Indiana. James E. Fleck went to California in the spring of 1891 and

remained in that state for a year, subsequent to which time he located at Crow, Oregon, where he passed away in April, 1899, at the age of sixty-seven years, his birth having occurred March 1, 1832. Throughout the period of his residence in Iowa he followed farming, and while living in this state he also enlisted and served for one hundred days in the Civil war. Mrs. Richards was the seventh in a family of nine children, of whom the two eldest died in infancy. The others are yet living, namely: Alfred, who is a resident of Rockwell City, Iowa; David, living in Pleasantville, Iowa; J. Edward, who makes his home in South Dakota; Joseph, residing in Crow, Oregon; Mrs. Mary A. Richards; Anna, who is the wife of Joseph Power; and William, living in Canada. Mrs. Richards was reared in Jasper county, Iowa, and acquired a common-school education. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children, namely: Jessie Hazel, Ray D., Ralph A., Esta Geraldine and James Albert, all at home.

The family occupy an attractive residence in Pleasantville. It is commodious and tastefully furnished, while its chief charm is its generous and warm-hearted hospitality. Mrs. Richards is a member of the Christian church. Politically Mr. Richards is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire office. He has always manifested a public-spirited devotion to the general good and has cooperated in many plans and movements for the upbuilding and benefit of the county.

FRANK A. MONROE.

Frank A. Monroe is one of the unusually successful agriculturists of Marion county, owning a large tract of land comprising twelve hundred acres in Indiana township and also land in Dodge county, Minnesota. He has largely retired but the supervision of his landed interests requires considerable time and energy. He was born in Indiana township on the 24th of November, 1872, a son of James and Sophia (Allen) Monroe, who were married in 1859 in Marion county, and resided in Indiana township until called to the great beyond. The former passed away in March, 1911, when eighty-one years of age, and the latter in February, 1908, when sixty-seven years old. The father was a carpenter by trade and followed that occupation in his early years but later devoted his attention to agriculture. Both he and his wife were natives of Indiana, his birthplace being

Shelbyville. The family was among the pioneers in Indiana and a number of brothers and sisters of James Monroe are still residing in that state, he being the only one to locate in Marion county, Iowa. Politically he gave his allegiance to the republican party and in religious faith he was a Methodist, as was also his wife. To them were born five children, all of whom are residents of this county: Mary, the wife of R. A. Hill, of Indiana township; John, also of that township; Annie, who is residing with John upon the home place; Ira, of Knoxville township; and Frank A., of this review.

The last named was reared under the parental roof and attended the country schools in the pursuit of an education. Since reaching man's estate he has continued in the occupation to which he devoted so many hours in his boyhood and youth and has proved prosperous and progressive in an unusual degree. He has added to his real estate from time to time and now owns some twelve hundred acres, part of which is located in Indiana township, this county, and part in Dodge county, Minnesota. This also includes six properties in Knoxville. Four years ago he retired from the active work of the farm and removed to Knoxville but he is still managing all of his extensive business interests and displays the sound judgment that has throughout his life been a strong factor in his success.

Mr. Monroe was married in Indiana township in January, 1900, to Miss Mary Simmons, a daughter of Leonard Simmons, of Columbia, Washington township, who came to this county in its pioneer days, arriving here October 4, 1854, when a young man. He settled in Indiana township and has resided in this county since, with the exception of three years. He purchased land and improved it, becoming the owner of a highly developed and valuable farm. He is now eighty-one years of age and has survived his wife since March, 1899, her demise occurring when she was sixty-three years old. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, and is honored by those who know him. Three of his four daughters are living, those besides Mrs. Monroe being: Mrs. Joseph Maddy, of Lucas county, this state; Mrs. Sallie Whitlock, a widow, who resides with her father; and Mrs. Cora Welch, who died at Columbia, this county, on the 2d of July, 1914. Mrs. Monroe was reared in Indiana township and for one year attended school in Knoxville. To Mr. and Mrs. Monroe have been born two children, Merna and Marita, both in school. The wife and daughters attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the former is a member. Politically Mr. Monroe supports the candidates and policies of the republican party and takes a praiseworthy interest in everything of

public concern. During his life he has contributed in no small measure to the agricultural development of this county and this, coupled with his sincerity and uprightness of life, commends him to the good will and esteem of his fellow citizens.

JAMES W. MANHARDT.

Among the enterprising and reliable dealers in real estate in Knoxville must be numbered James W. Manhardt, who was born on the 18th of May, 1868, in Marion county, a son of Frederick and Sarah (Gregory) Manhardt. The former was born in France but when four years old was brought by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Manhardt, to this country, the family home being established in Pennsylvania, but in 1846 Frederick Manhardt came to Marion county, Iowa. At one time he owned the lot where the Knoxville National Bank now stands, and some idea of the early realty values can be obtained from noting that he received it and two hundred dollars in trade for a span of mules. He made the journey to this county with the Bobst family, who settled at Marysville, where he lived for a time. In his early life he was a carpenter but eventually devoted his time to farming. He passed away in 1906. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Sarah Gregory, was born in Indiana, a daughter of James T. and Harriet (Ridlen) Gregory. In 1849, when but a child of four years, she accompanied her parents to this county. Her father entered government land on sections 35 and 36, Clay township, but later removed to a farm in the vicinity of Knoxville, where he lived for many years, and then took up his abode in Knoxville, where he passed away on the 13th of September, 1913. His wife died on the 24th of April, 1914. Their daughter, Mrs. Manhardt, survives. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was Mr. Manhardt, who was a prohibitionist in politics. To their union were born the following children: Mary L., now Mrs. G. E. Gregory and a resident of Kansas; Emma, who is also living in the Sunflower state and is the wife of C. I. Rose; James W., of this review; and Minnie, who married C. A. Koenig, a resident of Knoxville.

James W. Manhardt is indebted to the public schools of the county for his educational advantages and as a boy also learned the principles of farming under the instruction of his father. He followed agricultural pursuits for a number of years after arriving at

maturity, but in December, 1901, removed to Knoxville and entered the real-estate business, in which he has since engaged. He has a thorough knowledge of realty values in the county, both as regards town property and farm lands, and has negotiated many important transfers of title. The volume of his business has increased steadily from year to year and yields him a good income.

Mr. Manhardt was married in October, 1891, to Miss Ella V. Druet, a native of this county and a daughter of Dr. S. and Rosa (Abbott) Druet. They were early residents of Davis county, this state, and about 1870 removed to Marysville. They now reside at Anamosa. To Mr. and Mrs. Manhardt were born five children as follows: Charles W., Clara, Minnie, one who died in infancy, and Sarah.

Mr. Manhardt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and exercises his right of suffrage by supporting the candidates of the republican party. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. He owns two fine farms but rents them to others, concentrating his energies upon his real-estate business, which returns to him gratifying profits. He is one of the well known and highly respected residents of Knoxville, esteemed alike for his business ability and for his integrity of character.

TYLER OVERTON.

The pioneer history of Marion county bears the name of Tyler Overton, for he was one of the first settlers in this part of the state and aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present prosperity and progress of the community. He continued to reside within its borders until death called him on the 24th of September, 1878. He was then about sixty-five years of age, his birth having occurred in North Carolina on the 10th of November, 1813. His parents were Asa and Katura (Tyler) Overton, who resided in Randolph county, North Carolina, until their son Tyler reached young manhood. About that time the family removed westward to Lee county, Iowa, where the parents remained until called to their final rest.

In 1843 Tyler Overton, then about thirty years of age, came to Marion county and secured a claim of three hundred and twenty acres which is still in the possession of the family. The work of progress and development had scarcely been begun here at the time

of his arrival and a number of years passed ere the county could be said to have emerged from the conditions of pioneer life. The land which came into his possession was all wild, not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made, but with characteristic energy he began its development and the result was soon seen in well cultivated fields from which he gathered good crops. He shared in the hardships and trials of pioneer life and bore his part in the work of early development and improvement. At the time of his arrival wild game of all kinds was plentiful and it was no difficult thing for a hunter to return home with a plentiful supply of meat for the family larder. The prairies were covered with the wild native grasses, starred with a million wild flowers in June, while in December they were covered with a dazzling, unbroken sheet of snow. One could ride for miles without coming to a fence to impede his progress and all of the early homes were log cabins or other primitive dwellings.

On the 19th of December, 1844, Mr. Overton was married to Miss Rebecca May, who was then in her sixteenth year, a daughter of Alexander and Hessie May, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of North Carolina. The family is of English and Dutch lineage and was established in Indiana in pioneer times. Mrs. Overton was born in Fountain county, Indiana, January 30, 1829. In her girlhood her parents removed with their family to Montgomery county, Indiana, where they resided until 1843 and then came to Iowa. The following year she became the wife of Tyler Overton and for thirty-four years they traveled life's journey happily together but were separated by the death of the husband on the 24th of September, 1878, while Mrs. Overton did not pass away until December, 1901. In their family were nine children, as follows: Mrs. Frances Beebout, who died about thirty years ago; Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of Francis May; Henry Alexander, a prominent farmer and orchardist of Knoxville township, this county; Benjamin Franklin, who is deceased; Hester Helen, who gave her hand in marriage to William Robuck; Sherwood, who has passed away; John W., an agriculturist of Knoxville township, this county; Asbury S., a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; and Laura Rebecca, who is deceased.

Mrs. Overton survived her husband for many years or for almost a quarter of a century and resided in one of the finest homes of the township upon the farm which had been developed and improved by her husband. Upon the place is one of the fine orchards of the county and many other modern improvements which indicate the care and labor that have been bestowed upon the farm. Both Mr.

and Mrs. Overton were members of the Christian church and took an active part in its work from 1851, assisting materially in advancing its growth and extending its influence. Both were highly esteemed and no history of Marion county would be complete without mention of this worthy pioneer couple.

JOHN VAN DER PLOEG.

The natives of Holland who have settled in this county have given a good account of themselves and have manifested the strength of character and persistency of purpose characteristic of their ancestry. They are numbered among the good citizens of the locality and have also prospered financially. John van der Ploeg, the owner of a bakery and grocery business in Pella, was born in Friesland, The Netherlands, November 8, 1863, a son of P. and Elizabeth (Schuring) van der Ploeg. The father was a tailor in his native land and followed that trade in Pella after removing here with his family in 1881. Both he and his wife are deceased. They had four children, Mr. van der Ploeg of this review having two brothers and one sister.

John van der Ploeg acquired a common-school education in his native land and after emigrating with the other members of the family to this country was employed by G. Van Vliet & Company for four years in a bakery. He was then for two years in the post-office and at the end of that time purchased an interest in the bakery in which he had learned his trade. Three years later, in association with J. S. Rhynsburger, he bought out Mr. Van Vliet and eight years later purchased the interest of Mr. Rhynsburger, becoming the sole owner of the business. In the years that have intervened since that time he has given proof of his sound judgment and ability to manage business affairs in the successful conduct of the bakery, which is one of the best known in the city. He also carries a line of groceries and both branches of his undertaking are proving profitable. He caters to the home trade only and his patronage comes from the representative people of the city, many of whom have given him their custom for years.

Mr. van der Ploeg was married on the 1st of May, 1889, to Miss Dora Laverman, a daughter of Nicholas Laverman, who is engaged in farming near Pella. The children of this union are: Peter, who married Miss Julia Van Dusen and is with his father in the bakery;

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and Jennie, Nicholas, Dirk and Bert, all at home. The family belong to the First Christian Reformed church, in which Mr. van der Ploeg has been a deacon for twenty-three years. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he is now serving as alderman. He has thoroughly identified his interests with those of the city in which he has made his home for almost a third of a century and is well known and sincerely respected by his fellow citizens.

ZEPHANIAH CHAMBERS.

For a considerable period Zephaniah Chambers was actively, honorably and successfully connected with the farming interests of Marion county, his home being on section 11, Liberty township, and in his death the community lost a representative agriculturist. He was born in Indiana in 1844, a son of James and Cassie Chambers, who were married in that state and there reared a large family of children to good and useful lives. In the early '40s the family came to Marion county, Iowa, driving across the country with ox teams, and on reaching their destination the father preempted a claim in Liberty township. It was entirely destitute of improvements, nor had a furrow been turned or a stick laid upon the place. He resolutely undertook the task of developing the farm and in the course of years his labors were abundantly rewarded with good harvests. He also carried on stock-raising with success and became recognized as one of the leading and enterprising agriculturists of the county. He died February 11, 1882, at the age of seventy-two years and his wife passed away December 31, 1879, at the age of seventy-five years. Their remains were laid to rest in Liberty cemetery. They were pioneers in the broadest and best sense of the term, aiding largely in the development and upbuilding of the county and promoting its progress in every possible way.

Zephaniah Chambers was but an infant when brought by his parents to Marion county and here he was reared amid the scenes and environment of pioneer life, sharing with the family in all of the hardships and privations which are features incidental to the establishment of a frontier home. He acquired a meager education in one of the oldtime log schools but in the school of experience learned many valuable lessons.

On the 15th of February, 1866, Mr. Chambers was united in marriage to Miss Temperance Bonnett, a daughter of William H.

and Mahala (Spaur) Bonnett. Her father was born October 13, 1822, and departed this life April 5, 1884, while his wife, who was born April 17, 1824, died during the Civil war. They were married September 28, 1847, and in their family were five children, Lucy, Temperance, Marion, Isador and Matilda Jane. The first named is now deceased. The family were pioneer settlers of Marion county and the father manifested a helpful interest in public affairs of general importance. His life was devoted to general farming and stock-raising and through close attention to business he was able to provide a good living for his family. His political support was given the democratic party.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Chambers began their domestic life upon a farm in Liberty township and as the years passed on seven children were added to the household: James William, who married Anna Smith and is now deceased; Stella, the wife of William Way; Austin, who married Allie Johnson and is deceased; Wesley, who married Esta Carmin; John, who married Lizzie Coster; one who died unnamed; and Frank, also deceased.

Mr. Chambers always devoted his life to the work of tilling the soil and raising stock and the result of his labors was seen in well cultivated fields, from which he annually gathered good harvests. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting as a member of Company A, Thirty-third Iowa Infantry, with which he went to the front, taking part in a number of hotly contested engagements. After his return home he resumed farming and was thus busily engaged to the time of his death, which occurred December 7, 1895. He is still survived by his wife, a most estimable lady. She practically reared her younger brothers and sisters after her mother's death and has been most devoted in the care of her own household. She is highly esteemed wherever known and most of all where she is best known.

ADGATE WARD COLLINS.

Adgate Ward Collins was associated with his brother, S. L. Collins, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, in mercantile business in Knoxville for a number of years and was also closely identified with banking circles in this county as president of

the Knoxville National Bank, which he aided in organizing. He was a pioneer of the county and witnessed the marvelous changes of the past half century brought about here. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, October 30, 1821, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Adgate) Collins, natives of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Bloomfield, Ontario county, New York, respectively. Their marriage occurred in New York and they subsequently removed to Coshocton county, Ohio, and later to Muskingum county, that state.

Adgate W. Collins learned the potter's trade, which he followed for a short time. In 1852 he came to Marion county, Iowa, and resided here for more than fifty years, or until 1906, his death occurring on the 18th of April of that year. Soon after coming to this county he located upon a farm near Knoxville and in the early years of his residence here he was engaged in merchandising with his brother, S. L. Collins. He was also president of the Knoxville National Bank, of which he was one of the organizers, and was at the head of the institution until his retirement from business. He achieved greater success than does the average man and was known as one of the prosperous citizens of his county. He was successful as a farmer, merchant and financier and his labors were part of those forces which made for the development of his locality.

In 1846 Mr. Collins was married to Miss Susan Cecilia Olive and they had five children, the three eldest of whom were born in Ohio, the younger ones being natives of this state. Chester Llewellyn, a judge residing at Bay City, Michigan, married Miss Sarah Miller and has two daughters, Emily and Susan. Mina Ellen married John Reed, of Knoxville, Iowa. Emma Jane is the widow of Dr. W. K. Sloan and resides at Moline, Illinois. She has two children, Dr. Chester C. Sloan and Mrs. Clara O. Page. David Olive passed away in 1885, at the age of thirty-one years. He was a lawyer by profession. His son, Ward Olive, is a consulting engineer residing in Chicago. Susan married J. L. Broderick, of Elkhart, Indiana, and passed away in 1896, leaving a daughter, Mrs. Isabelle Rust, of Northampton, Massachusetts. The mother of these children died and Mr. Collins married Miss Sarah Jane Lewis, who was born in 1837 at West Jefferson, Madison county, Ohio, and passed to her reward on the 18th of October, 1913. To this union were born four children: Wilson Lewis, who died in July, 1912, when fifty years of age, at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he was engaged in the banking business; Frank Weldon, who died in infancy; Bertha L., now Mrs. Walter Brown, of Los Angeles, California; and Prudence W., who resides in Knoxville.

Mr. Collins became a member of the Methodist church in early life and was active in securing the new building for the First Methodist Episcopal church here. He was a republican in his political views but never sought office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests. These he managed with ability and at the same time that he gained material prosperity he won the unqualified regard of those who were brought in close contact with him.

THOMPSON E. WELCH.

Thompson E. Welch is well known as the proprietor of a general store at Columbia, conducting one of the largest establishments of that character in Marion county. His birth occurred in this county on the 12th of March, 1878, his parents being James and Eliza (High) Welch, the former a native of Iowa and the latter of Indiana. They reared a family of nine children and all are still living with the exception of Fred, who was drowned at the age of nineteen years.

Thompson E. Welch acquired his education in the common schools and spent the period of his minority under the parental roof. Subsequently he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and successfully followed farming for eleven years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his property and embarked in the mercantile business at Russell, in Lucas county, but sold out at the end of eight months, though he remained there for two years. He purchased a store in Columbia, in March, 1913, and there he has carried on business as a general merchant continuously and successfully since, being the owner of one of the largest establishments of the kind in the county. He displays a comprehensive and carefully selected stock of goods, which he sells at reasonable prices, and a liberal patronage is accorded him. In addition to his double-store building, Mr. Welch owns a residence in Columbia and also eighty acres of land in eastern Kansas.

In 1903 Mr. Welch was united in marriage to Miss Cora C. Simmons, a native of Marion county and a daughter of Leonard and Anna (Maddy) Simmons. Her father still survives, but her mother has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Welch were born six children, namely: Frances, Sylvia, Lois, Forrest and two who died in infancy. The wife and mother died on the 2d of July, 1914, and her remains were interred in the Indiana cemetery.

Mr. Welch is a republican in politics but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the camp at Russell. In both business and social circles he has become popular and is widely recognized as one of the esteemed, representative and enterprising citizens of his native county.

BURR PHELPS.

Burr Phelps has for a number of years performed a public service of no little value to the community as manager of the annual Chautauqua held in Knoxville and many other movements which make for civic welfare have benefited by his advice and labor. He is traveling salesman for the J. Miller Shoe Company of Racine, Wisconsin, and covers a territory including part of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Mr. Phelps was born in Monroe county, this state, on the 12th of October, 1858, a son of E. H. and Martha (Dow) Phelps, both natives of Indiana, where their marriage occurred. The paternal grandfather was born in New York. E. H. Phelps brought his family to Iowa in 1845 and located in Appanoose county. He was a miller by trade and was one of the first millers in that county. In 1850 he removed to Monroe county and erected a mill upon the site where the town of Hiteman now stands. Subsequently he came to Marion county, living first at Columbia and later at Attica, and he owned a mill in both places. He passed away in Attica in 1893 and was survived by his widow until 1898. They were both members of the Baptist church and he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Burr Phelps was their youngest child and he and three brothers survive. He attended the academy at Knoxville after completing a public-school course and as a youth also farmed and assisted his father in the mill. In 1880 he entered the employ of the Cushing & Squire Company of Knoxville and remained with them until Mr. Cushing went into the wholesale business, becoming a member of the Manning-Cushing Company of Ottumwa, Iowa. In 1883 Mr. Phelps became traveling salesman for that concern and so continued until 1888, when he began to represent the J. Miller Shoe Company, of Racine, Wisconsin, manufacturers of boots and shoes, for whom he has traveled ever since. He is an authority upon his line of goods,

is also an expert salesman and is one of the most valued men in the employ of the company.

Mr. Phelps was married in 1883 to Miss Lola Cunningham, a daughter of A. C. and Martha (Phillips) Cunningham. Her father was a native of Virginia and came to Knoxville in pioneer times, entering land upon the present site of the city. He was one of the first postmasters of Knoxville and in his early life was a physician. For a number of years he was engaged in the coal business and became a well-to-do citizen of the town. He has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were born six children: Dow, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri; Alice, Dean and Helen, all at home; and Phillip and Cam, who died in childhood.

Mr. Phelps has belonged to the Methodist church since 1889 and contributes generously to its support. In his political views he is a republican and is stanch in his support of the principles of that party. Fraternally he belongs to Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M., of which he has been a member since 1880, and to the Eastern Star. His wife is also a member of the latter organization. Although much of his time is spent upon the road he has always considered Knoxville his home and has given much time and effort to the advancement of its welfare. He was one of the originators of the Knoxville Chautauqua, which was established in 1910, and has had charge of the booking of the program and the making of arrangements ever since. The success of the Chautauqua is due more largely to him than to any other one individual in the city and he takes a commendable pride in this achievement. His friends are many and they hold him in warm regard because of his generosity and kindness of heart and also because of his integrity.

REV. SAMUEL HESTWOOD.

One is apt to overemphasize the business development of a community and point with special pride to what has been accomplished in a material way without giving due thought to the great importance and potency of moral progress as a factor in character building, upon which depends all that is commendable and valuable in man's relations with his fellowman. Iowa owes a debt of gratitude to her pioneer ministers who sowed the seeds of moral advancement in this state. Among the number was the Rev. Samuel Hestwood, one of the early preachers of the Methodist church and one whose

life was of strong force in the growth of the church, while his memory remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

Rev. Hestwood was born in Delaware county, Ohio, August 16, 1822, and his boyhood and youth were there spent. It was not until after his marriage that he joined the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he became a member in 1848. From that time on his life was consecrated to the cause of Christianity and in 1850 he began preaching. Coming to Iowa, he joined the conference of this state in 1853 and devoted his efforts with untiring zeal to the work of preaching the gospel and promoting the cause of Methodism until after the outbreak of the Civil war. He watched with interest the progress of events in the south and when the country became involved in strife he went to the front as chaplain of the Fortieth Regiment of Iowa Volunteers, with which he remained for a year. Failing health then caused him to return home and he resumed his interrupted pastorate at Newton, Iowa. According to the itinerant custom of the Methodist minister, he was located at different times in various places, but everywhere he went proved a power of strength for good and he remained an active worker in the church up to a short time prior to his death. A few years before his death he took up his abode in Knoxville and never did his deep interest in the church and the cause falter. One of the Knoxville papers said of him: "He was a theologian of the self-made type—an earnest, devout preacher of much more than ordinary ability and a most excellent and exemplary Christian gentleman—firm as a rock in his convictions of right, but affable and reasonable in all he said and did."

It was on the 16th of December, 1845, in Delaware county, Ohio, that Mr. Hestwood was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Jones, who was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1824. She was about ten years of age when her parents removed with their family to Ohio and during her maidenhood she became connected with the Presbyterian church. She was a granddaughter of the Rev. John Jones, a Presbyterian minister, who served as a chaplain in the Revolutionary war and was also a member of congress. It was in 1847 that Mrs. Hestwood became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and it was not until the following year that her husband united with the church. Removing westward, they settled first in Illinois and afterward came to Iowa. Mrs. Hestwood ever felt the deepest interest in her husband's work as a minister of the church, for she was in full sympathy with him and was also an ardent, aggressive force in evangelistic work and in the upbuilding of the

church. She was especially helpful in promoting the cause of Methodism in Knoxville, where the memory of her work will constantly urge to noble deeds and to the highest attainments of Christian life.

Rev. and Mrs. Hestwood became the parents of seven children, of whom a daughter died in infancy. The eldest son, Virgil E., enlisted when in his teens for service as a member of Company B, Fortieth Iowa Infantry, of which regiment his father was chaplain. He determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work and entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated, becoming thereafter a successful practitioner. At length his health began to fail and, hoping to be benefited by a change of climate, he went to New Mexico, residing in Raton to the time of his death, which occurred when he was fifty-one years of age. The other members of the Hestwood family are: J. E. Hestwood; Mrs. T. N. Johnson, of Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Emma Amos, of Knoxville, Iowa; Mrs. C. C. Smead, of Newton, Iowa; and Mrs. Sam Austin, of Eldorado, Kansas.

For almost forty-seven years Rev. Samuel and Mrs. Hestwood traveled life's journey together, in the closest ties of companionship, strong sympathy and enduring love. The later years of their married life were passed in Knoxville and there the Rev. Hestwood was called to his final rest June 22, 1892, at the age of sixty-nine years, ten months and six days. His wife survived him for seven years and died in Knoxville October 30, 1899.

Rev. Hestwood was a member of John C. Ferguson Post, G. A. R., and Colonel H. J. Budd of that post at the time of the death of Rev. Hestwood paid an eloquent tribute to his memory in the following words:

"The highest altitudes of life are reached only by the truly good and the most holy solace which it is possible to find in this world is in the benediction of a splendid life. Each of the ages have had their heroes. Statesmen have made imperishable names, philosophers have tamed the elements to become the servants of man, scientists have made docile and forceful the hitherto unseen mysteries of earth and sky; but to my mind the men who have given their lives for the intellectual, moral and spiritual good of our world are the highest type of men known to time. The soul of the military chieftain may be clouded by the black mask of mad ambition; the genius of the artisans in the other fields of life may be inflamed by the ill omened light of greed, or the phantasms of vain glory; but the man who devotes his life and soul to the betterment of his age is next highest in authority to the God who made him. The presence of

death is always a scene of imposing solemnity. By it we are touched with the uncertainty of life, and with the need of hope and promise. In its mute eloquence we read the story of a life and in its 'marvel of the heroic' we catch the inspiration of the beyond. Better lips than mine will tell you the story of Father Hestwood's life. We who knew him best can never know the many trials and distresses through which he passed, but we can feel and know the sublime good he has done. One of the wealthiest, and among the best men I have ever known, in answer to the question 'What was the best investment you ever made?' said, 'Trying to do as I would be done by.' There is but one better investment than that this side of the stars and that is that of trying to enlighten and redeem a race without hope of adequate present reward. Such a spirit outshines the diadem of human genius. It is the spirit in the presence of which all cavils and contentions scatter in dismay and which lights up even the dark corners of life with the 'light divine.' Such was Father Hestwood's life.

"Thus in the name of John C. Ferguson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, I lay tribute upon the altar of his memory—the tribute of the soldier to the soldier, a tribute, 'mighty only when 'tis felt.' To the aged and disconsolate widow and to the bereaved children all that is tender and constant is given. Thus to Chaplain Hestwood, we return, in part the 'bread cast upon the waters,' by his ministrations to the Fortieth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry."

Equally appropriate and eloquent were the expressions of Dr. McDonald, presiding elder of the district, and of Rev. J. W. Hackley, who was the pastor of Rev. Hestwood at the time of his demise. With the passing of Rev. Hestwood Iowa lost one who, coming to the state in pioneer times, had taken a most active part in the upbuilding of the commonwealth along the line of its moral development and progress, and the impress of his noble life remains today upon the character of those with whom he was associated.

JEDIDIAH TINGLE FRENCH, M. D.

Although Dr. Jedidiah Tingle French passed away in Hutchinson, Kansas, while on a visit there, the greater part of his active life was passed in this county and he was known as one of the best and most prominent physicians of the early days. The life of the pioneer doctor was by no means an easy one and Dr. French never spared

himself. His reward was a warm place in the hearts of the people whom he served and the knowledge that he aided in making the conditions of pioneer life endurable. He was the owner of a drug store in Knoxville during his later years.

Dr. French was born on the 23d of April, 1823, at the old homestead one mile from Lebanon, Ohio. His father was Daniel French, who was born on the 9th of August, 1791, in New Jersey and married Amy Tingle, who was born on the 10th of May, 1798, at Lebanon, Ohio. Daniel French was a son of Joseph French, whose birth occurred on Christmas day, 1767, in New Jersey, and who married Miss Anna Robertson, who was born on the 25th of February, 1768. Amy (Tingle) French, the wife of Daniel French, was a daughter of Jedidiah and Elizabeth (Reeder) Tingle, the former born May 8, 1766, in Delaware, and the latter June 4, 1776, in Loudoun county, Virginia. Jedidiah Tingle passed away in Warren county, Ohio. His parents were Jedidiah and Amy (Waite) Tingle, natives respectively of England and Delaware. His wife, Elizabeth (Reeder) Tingle, was a daughter of David and Mary (Adams) Reeder, the former of whom was born March 14, 1749, in New Jersey, and was killed by a horse near Lebanon, Ohio. David Reeder was a son of Joseph Reeder III, who was born April 24, 1716, at Newtown, Long Island, and who married Susana Gano. Joseph Reeder II was the father of Joseph Reeder III and was in turn a son of Joseph Reeder I, of England. His father was, according to tradition, Wilhelm Leser Reeder of Germany. Eleanor (Leverich) Reeder, the wife of Joseph Reeder II, was a daughter of Caleb and Martha (Lavaine) Leverich, the former of whom was born in 1638 at Duxbury, Massachusetts, and died in 1717 at Newtown, Long Island. His father was William Leverich, who graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree at Cambridge University, England, in 1625 and received the Master of Arts degree from that institution in 1629. He emigrated on the ship James to Salem, Massachusetts, October 10, 1633, and died in 1677. Susana Gano, previously mentioned as the wife of Joseph Reeder III, was a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Britton or Bretin) Gano, residents of Staten Island, New York. Daniel Gano was a son of Stephen and Ann (Walton) Gano, and a grandson of Francis Gano or Ganeaux, as the original spelling was, a Huguenot who came to New Rochelle, New York, in 1686. He was a native of the Isle of Guernsey and lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and three years.

When three months old Dr. French accompanied the family on their removal to Shelby county, Indiana, and settled upon one hun-

dred and sixty acres of heavily timbered land, the nearest neighbor being eight miles distant. There amid frontier conditions Dr. French grew to manhood. He did all kinds of farm work, cleared timber land, made brick and worked at the stone-mason's trade. His father, who was a master mechanic, gave his son expert instruction in the various lines of work of which it was necessary for the pioneer farmer to know something. The Doctor acquired a limited general education by attending the subscription schools of the period for four weeks to two months each winter. There were no holidays in his early life, as his time was spent in hard work upon the farm when not in school or incapacitated by sickness. At the age of nineteen years and four months he began the study of medicine, thus carrying out a desire that had never left him since his fourteenth year. Without advising with father or mother he consulted Dr. G. C. Paramore at St. Omar, Decatur county, Indiana, and arranged for the use of the Doctor's medical library and for private instruction in medicine. For three months he borrowed books and carried them home, going three miles and back each week to recite his lessons. He then taught school for three months, receiving ten dollars per month and his board, in the meantime continuing his medical study. In April, 1843, when recovering from measles his father was stricken with a disease called the black tongue, from which he died. A number of others in that region succumbed to the disease, including an uncle and aunt of the Doctor. The latter himself contracted the malady but recovered and was subsequently placed in charge of thirteen patients by Dr. Paramore, and of these twelve recovered. These cases were the first that Dr. French had. In the fall of 1843 he again taught school, receiving two dollars per pupil and "boarded round."

On the 19th of December, 1843, Dr. French married Miss Mary Ann Crisler, and after a week resumed his teaching, but after finishing the term he abandoned pedagogical work. He and his wife began housekeeping on a farm of fifty-seven acres which he had purchased. He cleared the standing timber and built a comfortable, though small, residence and there the family resided for five years. He labored unremittingly, making and laying brick in addition to his farm work. On the 5th of May, 1849, the family started for Iowa and on the 28th of that month arrived at Bellefontaine on the Des Moines river. There were three children in the family when the removal was made to this county. Their first residence here was a log cabin near Bellefontaine which Dr. French repaired. He and his entire family were taken sick soon after coming here and they would have actually suffered from want of food if Colonel Doud,

one of the first settlers of the county, had not visited them and given them provisions. Dr. French never forgot this kindness and was a warm friend of Colonel Doud during the latter's lifetime as well as his family physician. There was a great deal of sickness in the early days and it was no unusual thing for a whole family to be stricken at once. Malarial fever especially was prevalent until January, 1850. While living upon the farm Dr. French cultivated his land, cut wood, split rails and did all manner of work as well as practiced his profession. However, his services as a physician were called for more and more frequently and after two years he was compelled to leave the farm and devote his entire time to his professional duties. He rode over a territory thirty miles in extent east and west and twenty-five miles north and south. In October, 1851, he removed to Hamilton, Marion county, and practiced there for six years, having nearly the exclusive practice in that region. His first typhoid cases occurred in 1856 and out of fifty-three patients treated he lost but one, which is a remarkable record, especially when we consider that at that time the profession knew practically nothing of the disease. Some idea of the demands made upon the pioneer physician may be gathered from the fact that he traveled almost continuously for fifty days on horseback, snatching such sleep as he could. There were no buggies then nor were there any good roads or bridges.

On the 21st of June, 1857, Dr. French removed to Knoxville and on the 1st of August of that year opened a drug store on the east side of the town square, which he conducted successfully for twenty-seven years and also practiced his profession. In 1860 he discovered a remedy for diphtheria, which was the means of saving many cases that would undoubtedly otherwise have been lost. For over fifty-three years he was in active practice and his record was one of unusual success. His death occurred in Hutchinson, Kansas, on the 24th of September, 1903, when he was eighty years of age. His demise was much regretted in this county and his memory is still held in honor and esteem.

To Dr. and Mrs. French were born nine children, namely: Elizabeth D., born November 15, 1844, is now the wife of W. E. Burns, of Denver, Colorado; Caroline A., who died on the 11th of November, 1867, was the wife of Lieutenant Melvin Stone of Knoxville; Parthena J. passed away on the 2d of September, 1849, when ten months and sixteen days of age; James Allen, born on the 5th of August, 1851, resides in Knoxville; George A., born on the 3d of July, 1854, passed to his reward on the 28th of July, 1905; William A., born December 16, 1856, died October 16, 1858; Mary Alice,

whose birth occurred on the 9th of February, 1859, is now the wife of J. S. Bellamy, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Amy May, born August 13, 1861, is now the wife of C. H. Sweetser, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and an infant, born April 16, 1865, died nine days later on the 25th of April.

Mrs. Mary Ann (Crisler) French, the mother of these children, was born on the 22d of January, 1822, in Boone county, Kentucky, and died June 4, 1900, at Knoxville, Iowa. Her father was Lewis Crisler, whose birth occurred June 1, 1773, in Madison county, Virginia, and who on the 18th of August, 1806, was married in Boone county, Kentucky, to Miss Mary Zimmerman. She was born on the 4th of April, 1778, a daughter of Christopher and Mary (Tanner) Zimmerman, whose marriage occurred in Culpeper county, Virginia. Lewis Crisler, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Bellamy, was a son of Leonard and Margaret (Clare) Crisler, the latter a daughter of John and ——— (Caser) Clare. Leonard Crisler was a son of Fawatt and Rosina (Garr) Crisler, natives of Virginia and Bavaria respectively. His mother was born of the union of Andreas and Eve (Seidelman) Garr, natives of Bavaria, who emigrated to America in 1732. The parents of Andreas Garr were John and Elizabeth Garr.

ANTONIE J. KUYPER.

Antonie J. Kuiper is a native son of Pella and has throughout the greater part of his life been identified with its interests. He is a stockholder and manager of a plumbing business conducted under name of the Pella Plumbing and Heating Company, and is considered one of the successful men of the city. He was born on the 13th of November, 1862, a son of Hugo and Jacoba (Betten) Kuiper, both natives of Holland. They emigrated to the United States and made their way to Pella in 1847. The father, who is now living retired, was very prominent in the early history of the city, being mayor for several terms. He is a democrat in his political belief and is also very active in church work. He was a jeweler by trade but for many years was the proprietor of a general store. His wife is a daughter of A. J. Betten, who brought his family to Pella in 1847. Mr. Betten was a preacher in the Reformed church and was also the proprietor of a store in this city.

Antonie J. Kuyper was reared under the parental roof and given excellent educational advantages. After completing the course in the public schools he attended the Central University of Iowa for some time. He was subsequently associated with his father in the conduct of the general store owned by the latter for a number of years. He afterward kept books for the Pella Manufacturing Company and then went to Orange City, this state, where he was assistant cashier of a bank for some time, and still later engaged in the real-estate business. In 1907 he returned to Pella and devoted his time to the real-estate business for a few years, but then became interested in a plumbing shop, of which he is at present manager. He is a man of good business judgment and of great energy and has the contract for a great deal of the plumbing work done in the city. He carries an excellent line of goods and is careful to see that all plumbing installed is properly put in. His business has constantly increased and yields him a good profit annually.

Mr. Kuyper was married in 1886 to Miss Effie Wormhoudt, a daughter of H. and Antje (Overcamp) Wormhoudt, who located in Pella in 1847. Her father was a carpenter by trade, which occupation he followed in early life but later engaged in the lumber business. He passed away in 1907, but his widow still survives. To Mr. and Mrs. Kuyper have been born two children: Hugo, who married Miss Clara Mann and resides at Pella, where he is associated with his father in business; and Henry, in school. The latter is an enthusiastic baseball player and is catcher for the home team.

Mr. Kuyper usually votes the republican ticket but at the election of 1912 supported Woodrow Wilson for president. For twenty years he was city clerk of Orange City and the length of his incumbency in that office is the best proof of the acceptability of his services. Those who have known him most intimately are his truest friends, as closer acquaintance but reveals more of the integrity and fineness of his character.

RALPH H. PORTER.

Ralph H. Porter has been the proprietor of a large plumbing establishment in Knoxville since 1912 and has done a great deal of work of that character in some of the best houses in the city. He was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 4th of October, 1885, a son of J. H. and Mary M. (Stolzer) Porter, both natives of Ger-

many, who accompanied their respective parents to this country. They settled in Iowa many years ago and were highly esteemed in their locality. The father was a carpenter by trade and was known as an expert workman. He is deceased but his widow survives and lives at Oskaloosa.

Ralph H. Porter attended the public schools and was graduated from the Beacon high school in due time. He subsequently learned the plumbing business and in 1907 opened a shop of his own at Oskaloosa, where he remained for five years but in 1912 sold his interests in that city and came to Knoxville and opened a shop. He employs four men regularly and carries a full line of plumbing goods. He also sells and installs heating plants and all branches of his business have proved remunerative. He is himself an expert workman and insists that all plumbing put in by his men shall be properly installed and as a result the work for which he is responsible is invariably well done and gives satisfaction.

On the 11th of October, 1905, Mr. Porter married Miss Bessie Sowden, of Oskaloosa, a daughter of G. H. and M. J. Sowden, the former of whom was for many years a farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Porter has been born a daughter, Marjorie.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and can always be counted upon to contribute their share of money and effort in the accomplishment of a worthy project. Mr. Porter is a republican in politics and takes a citizen's interest in public affairs. His fraternal affiliation is with Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M.; Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M.; and with the Knights of Pythias. He has achieved an unusual degree of success for one of his years and his energy and business ability presage still greater prosperity for him in the future. Personally he is well liked and has many warm friends.

LEMUEL KINKEAD.

The demise of Lemuel Kinkead, which occurred on the 11th of December, 1908, was the occasion of much sincere regret in Knoxville, although he passed away in Des Moines, in which city he had made his home from 1892. He was a lawyer by profession and gained considerable prominence at the bar. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 10th of May, 1846, a son of David and Lydia (Haines) Kinkead, who in 1854 came to this county, where the

former died the following year of cholera when still a young man. He was a lawyer and had practiced for a number of years in Ohio before removing to this state. His birth occurred in Virginia, although he was of Irish descent. His wife came of Pennsylvania Dutch parentage and lived to be seventy-five years of age, dying in 1876. Both were members of the Methodist church and were most estimable people.

Lemuel Kinkead was eight years of age when he accompanied his parents to this county and here he continued to live until June, 1861, when he enlisted at the age of fifteen years in Company E, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at Shiloh but recovered and served for three years, or until he was honorably discharged, January 27, 1864, at Memphis, on account of disability. He participated in seven regular battles besides many skirmishes. Realizing that his education was incomplete, he returned to school and also read avidly in his spare time. He had been obliged to leave school while still a youth and had learned the printer's trade, at which he was employed at the time of his enlistment, but he continued his habit of wide reading and was largely self-educated. He followed his trade for some years after returning from the war and then began reading law in the office of Atherton & Anderson, one of the leading legal firms of Knoxville. He applied himself assiduously to his study and in less than a year, or on the 7th of June, 1875, was admitted to the bar. He began practice at once and became one of the successful attorneys of Knoxville, where he resided until 1892, when he removed to Des Moines. He was one of the well known members of the bar of that city and continued in the active practice of his profession until his death. While in this city he was a partner of T. J. Anderson for some time. He devoted his energies to general practice and was very successful.

In 1865 Mr. Kinkead was married at Knoxville to Miss Jennie Zuck, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1846 and in 1850 removed to Ohio with her parents. Two years later the family came to Iowa. Her father, John Zuck, was of German descent and was a saddler by trade. He died in 1855 of cholera. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Johnston, was of English extraction. Both were members of the United Brethren church and highly esteemed in their community. The paternal grandmother of Mrs. Kinkead lived to an unusual age, passing the century mark. To Mr. and Mrs. Kinkead were born three sons and two daughters. Arthur L., who resides in Huron, South Dakota, is a well known and prosperous real-estate dealer. He married Miss Franc Atherton, a

daughter of the late J. B. Atherton, and they have two daughters, Ethel and Beryl. W. C., a resident of Cheyenne, Wyoming, graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa and has since practiced his profession. He married Miss Clara Button, of Creston, Iowa, and to them has been born a son, Robert. Alta is the wife of T. C. Fetrow, who is engaged in the insurance business in Chicago. They have a daughter, Katherine. Olive is the wife of Dr. Charles M. Harrington, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. James is engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Mitchell, South Dakota. He married Miss Sadie Littler, a daughter of C. S. Littler, of Des Moines, and they have two children, William C. and Virginia.

Mr. Kinkead was a member of the Masonic Order, the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army of the Republic. His widow belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps and the Bay View Club and has many warm friends. Mr. Kinkead is well remembered in Knoxville and those who knew him honored and esteemed him.

ALFRED MOLESWORTH.

Alfred Molesworth, who was numbered among the enterprising farmers and pioneer settlers of Marion county, won the high regard of his fellow townsmen by a well spent life and his death was deeply regretted when he passed away. He was born in Harrison county, Ohio, January 26, 1828, and in his youthful days acquired a common-school education. He came to Iowa in 1851 when a young man of twenty-three years and entered land in Lucas county, where he remained for about a year. At the end of that time he returned to Ohio, but after a brief period again came to this state and began the development and improvement of his land, upon which he built a hewn log house.

Mr. Molesworth made further arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage in 1855 to Miss Mary J. Kiger, who was born in Pennsylvania on the 28th of March, 1835, and is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Kiger, who were also natives of the Keystone state. Her parents came to Iowa in 1848, settling first in Jefferson county, and the following year they removed to Marion county, becoming early settlers of that locality. The father secured a claim in what is now Washington township and began to break the sod and till the fields, at length converting his tract of wild prairie land into

a highly improved farm. He made the journey to this county with teams, for there were no railroads at the time. He built log buildings for a home and also for the shelter of his stock, but as the years passed on he was able to supplant these with more modern improvements, while the farm work resulted in the annual gathering of good harvests. Upon the farm which he developed he continued to make his home until his death, and his wife also passed away there. In the Kiger family were six children, of whom four are yet living.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Molesworth began their domestic life upon his farm in the spring of 1855 and for a half century thereafter he continued to develop the fields and carry on the farm work, being thus actively engaged to the time of his death, which occurred in 1905 when he was seventy-seven years of age. His had been an active and useful life, crowned with a substantial measure of success. He never sought to figure prominently in any public connection but always faithfully discharged the duties devolving upon him and was a loyal citizen and a consistent friend. His widow survives and is now in her eightieth year.

In his political views Mr. Molesworth was a republican but was never an office seeker, preferring to give his undivided attention to his farm interests. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 660 at Columbia, and was a faithful Christian, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, as does his wife. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Molesworth were twelve children, eight of whom grew to adult age, while six are now living. Barbara, the eldest, is now the wife of H. M. Spiker, a resident of Columbia, Marion county, where he owns a fine property and where he is extensively and successfully engaged in dealing in horses, handling all kinds of imported animals. Minnie is the wife of W. F. Carson, of Chariton, Lucas county, Iowa. Lilly M. is the wife of Edgar Wyland, of Des Moines. Lula E. is the wife of Adam Perschbacher, of Lucas county. Elsie J. is the wife of R. B. Bingaman, a resident of Lucas county. E. Lois, the youngest living daughter, is the wife of F. C. Dawson, of Lucas county.

To the eldest daughter, Mrs. Spiker, we are indebted for this record concerning her honored father and mother. Mrs. Spiker was a successful school teacher for about fifteen years, spending most of the time in this county, although for a period she was connected with the graded schools in Malvern, Iowa. She became the wife of H. M. Spiker, a son of J. F. and Adella Spiker, and they are widely and prominently known in Columbia and throughout Washington township, where they make their home. Mr. Spiker belongs to the Inde-

pendent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in the local lodge. His wife is connected with the Rebekahs and has served as matron in that organization. She is a representative of one of the old pioneer families here and has made several talks at the Old Settlers meetings, relating many interesting incidents of the early days.

WILLIAM V. ELLIOTT.

William V. Elliott has been in business in Knoxville for many years as the proprietor of a drug store and is now the owner of a livery stable. He has been successful in both ventures and is one of the substantial residents of the city. His birth occurred in Knox county, Ohio, on the 9th of February, 1850, his parents being Reuben and Ellen (Richardson) Elliott, natives of Maryland and Ohio, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Eli Elliott, was a resident of Maryland and his son Reuben went to Ohio when that state was in its infancy and was there married. In 1852 he brought his family to Iowa and located in Cedar county, where he farmed until advancing years compelled him to retire from active work. He died in 1891, at the age of eighty-four years. His children numbered five, three daughters and two sons.

William V. Elliott took advantage of the opportunities for an education offered in his boyhood days and received a serviceable common-school training. In 1880 he began clerking in the drug store of J. P. Kelley, of Knoxville, and he rose from clerk to manager through application to business and the ready intelligence which enabled him to solve the problems of salesmanship and of management which presented themselves. On the death of Mr. Kelley, Davis & Mitchell purchased the store and Mr. Elliott subsequently bought Mr. Mitchell's interest, he and Mr. Davis conducting the business until 1886, when the latter was appointed postmaster of Knoxville and the firm sold out. Mr. Elliott went to Nebraska and took up a homestead but subsequently returned to Knoxville and for about a year was assistant postmaster. He then purchased the drug store in which he had formerly been interested and conducted it alone until 1902, when he again sold out. He had previously bought an interest in a livery stable and upon disposing of the drug store assumed entire charge of the business, his brother, I. R. Elliott, who was his partner, having died in 1896. The livery business is well patronized and is proving very remunerative.

In 1876 Mr. Elliott married Miss Elizabeth Henderson, of West Liberty, Iowa, a daughter of William and Sarah Henderson, natives of Ohio, who many years ago came to this state. Her father devoted his life to farming. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have had two children: Lewis, who married Miss Stella Weingardner, of Knoxville, by whom he has a son, John; and Carroll, who died when a child of seven years.

Mr. Elliott has supported the democratic party at the polls since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, as he believes firmly in its policies and principles. He is at present alderman at large and takes a great interest in everything affecting municipal welfare and progress. He holds membership in Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M.; Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M.; and the Knights of Pythias. His admirable qualities of character have gained him many friends, who prize highly his favorable opinion.

HENRY W. HARVEY.

His many friends were much grieved to learn of the demise of Henry W. Harvey, which occurred on the 30th of March, 1911, at his home near the village of Harvey. He was born March 4, 1873, in Clay township, Marion county, a son of Edward Harvey, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He grew to manhood in this county and was indebted for his education to the public schools. As his boyhood and youth were spent upon his father's farm, he early became familiar with all of the phases of agriculture and assisted in the cultivation of the fields and in the care of the stock. This proved an admirable training for the duties of life, as he continued to follow agricultural pursuits after arriving at years of maturity. He became in time the owner of a valuable farm and kept his land in a state of high cultivation, his good management and industry being rewarded by a gratifying annual income.

Mr. Harvey was married on the 30th of June, 1895, to Miss Anna Zugg, a native of this county, who was born on the 10th of July, 1873. Her parents, Daniel and Phoebe (Phillips) Zugg, were born in that part of Clermont county, Ohio, which is now known as Brown county. Her father was born on the 13th of October, 1834. During his active life he devoted his time and attention to farming, in which he was very successful, and paid special attention to the raising of thorough-bred Chester White hogs and graded cattle. He owned one hundred

and twenty-one acres of land and still holds title to city property in Knoxville, where he has lived since 1913. He still enjoys good health, although an octogenarian. He has always supported the democratic party at the polls but has never desired office. His family were among the pioneers of Ohio, as were his wife's people. Her parents were Rev. and Mrs. John I. Phillips, who removed to this county in 1850. Her father was a Methodist minister and preached the gospel in Ohio and in this and other counties of Iowa. He died at Harlan, this state, at the age of seventy-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Zugg were married near New Harmony, Clermont county, Ohio, in 1857, and in 1860 removed to Knoxville township, this county. The latter died on the 8th of February, 1909, when about sixty-seven years of age. Mrs. Harvey is the seventh in order of birth in a family of ten children, of whom seven are living, two residing in California, a sister making her home in Minnesota and the others living in this county. Mrs. Harvey was reared in this county and attended the country schools in the acquirement of her education. By her marriage she became the mother of three sons: John, eighteen years of age, who is operating the home farm in Clay township and who married Miss Ethel Rankin; and Lynn and Walter, fifteen and ten years of age respectively, who are at home.

Mr. Harvey was a republican and was active in local political affairs. He was especially concerned in the welfare of the public schools and was for many years one of the school officers. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, as do his family, and the teachings of Christianity guided his life, which was such as to command respect and high esteem. In his death in 1911 the county lost a valued citizen and those who had known him intimately a true and loyal friend.

DANIEL WAGNER.

Daniel Wagner, deceased, who resided near Dallas, was the owner of seven hundred and twenty acres of fine land, although he began his business career empty-handed. He was born in Germany on the 14th of February, 1831, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Feight), Wagner, who came to America in 1832 when their son Daniel was an infant of eighteen months. The family first located in Pennsylvania, but subsequently removed to Indiana and thence to this county, arriving here in 1848. They located near the site of the village of

Dallas and Henry Wagner entered land from the government. He remained upon his farm until his death and gave the greater part of his time to its operation, although he was a tailor by trade. His wife also passed away upon the homestead. They had three children, those beside the subject of this review being John and Mrs. Elizabeth Morelock, both of whom are deceased.

Daniel Wagner was reared to manhood in this county and here received his education. Mr. Wagner was one of the forty-niners who went west across the plains to California during the gold rush. He spent about ten years freighting across the country, making several trips, and then returned to Marion county and took up farming, to which occupation he had been trained in his boyhood as he early began to assist in the operation of the homestead. He began for himself with no assets, save his knowledge of farm work and his strength and industrious habits. He first secured land near Bauer, this county, where he resided for three years, after which he removed to a farm six miles north of Dallas. His hard work, thrift and wise management of his affairs were rewarded, as he became the owner of seven hundred and twenty acres of land which he operated until a very short time previous to his death. In addition to the cultivation of the fields he raised high grade stock and found both branches of his activity profitable. At one time he held stock in the Pleasantville Bank. His demise, which occurred in 1907, deprived the county of one of its industrious and highly successful agriculturists and was sincerely deplored. The farm is mainly owned by his widow, who makes her home at Knoxville.

On the 14th of March, 1867, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage in this county to Miss Deborah Clark, a native of Dade county, Tennessee, born on the 10th of December, 1844. Her parents were John and Eliza (Carroll) Clark, the latter of whom is still living at Dallas at a very advanced age, her birth having occurred on the 25th of January, 1822. In 1849 the family removed to this county and located near Dallas, where John Clark entered land. He farmed for many years, but upon retiring from active life removed to Knoxville and died there a year or two later, on the 17th of April, 1891. His widow later removed to Dallas, her present home. He was a Baptist, but Mrs. Clark is a member of the Christian church. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Wagner was Rev. James Thomas Clark, a Baptist minister of Tennessee. Mrs. Wagner has five brothers living, namely: Frank and George, twins, the former living in Pleasantville, this county, and the latter in Oklahoma; William, of Montrose, Colorado; Hiram, of this county; and Benjamin, who

resides with his aged mother. Two sisters died young, Susie in infancy and Mary Catherine when fourteen years of age. Mrs. Wagner grew to womanhood in this county, as she was but a child of four years when the family settled here. For the past five years she has made her home in Knoxville, where she has built a fine residence on Montgomery street. To her union with Mr. Wagner were born five children: two deceased; Mrs. Harry Yetter, a resident of Knoxville; Mrs. J. A. Hartley, also of Knoxville; and Paul, a farmer of Johnson, Minnesota, who is married and has two children. A stepson, John, resides at Audubon, Iowa, and is married and has three children. Another stepson, Henry, died when a youth of sixteen.

Mr. Wagner was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church and his wife is a member of the Christian church. In politics he was a democrat and manifested at all times a commendable interest in matters of public concern. He was well known throughout the county and was esteemed not only for his material success in life, but also for those fine qualities of character that command honor wherever found.

JOHN VAN HEMERT.

John Van Hemert, who is the owner of a garage and agent for a number of well known makes of automobiles at Pella, was born in Jasper county, this state, on the 23d of July, 1871, his parents being Marcellus and Lizzie (Simmons) Van Hemert, who have both passed away. The father was a farmer of Jasper county and proved successful in that occupation. They had fourteen children, all of whom survive.

John Van Hemert acquired a common-school education and after his marriage followed for five years the calling to which he was reared, engaging in farming for that length of time. He then purchased a meat market, which he ran for three years but at the end of that period bought thirty-two acres of land situated within the limits of Pella, which property he still owns. In February, 1914, he entered the garage business, in which he is still engaged, and as he understands automobiles well he has proved very successful in his present undertaking. He sells tires, automobile accessories of all kinds and does a great deal of repair work and is also agent for the White, Studebaker and Buick cars. The volume of his business has

steadily increased and he is classed among the successful men of Pella.

Mr. Van Hemert married Miss Tryntjy Boot, a daughter of Jacob Boot, a farmer of Marion county, and to their union have been born two sons, Harry M. and Jacob B., both of whom are high-school students. The parents belong to the Third Reformed church, but now attend the Second Reformed on account of their sons, as that is English speaking. Mr. Van Hemert is a democrat and takes a keen interest in public affairs, studying intelligently the problems of government that press for solution. His probity is unquestioned and the sterling worth of his character has made him highly respected in his community.

L. E. PARK, M. D.

Dr. L. E. Park has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Tracy for about a third of a century, being one of the oldest physicians in Marion county. He likewise conducts a drug store in the town and is widely recognized as one of its most prosperous and respected residents. His birth occurred in Brown county, Ohio, on the 3d of January, 1855, his parents being William R. and Rachel (Wood) Park, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. They came to Iowa in the fall of 1856 and spent the following winter on a farm in Marion county, subsequently purchasing a tract of land in Monroe county, where they continued to reside for almost forty years. In 1896 they removed to Harrison county, Iowa, there spending the remainder of their lives. They became the parents of ten children, five of whom survive.

Dr. L. E. Park spent the first twenty years of his life under the parental roof and subsequently followed the profession of teaching for a period of five years, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, and won the degree of M. D. from that institution in 1880 and in 1904 took a post-graduate course at the Chicago Polyclinic. He first opened an office at Marysville and in 1882 came to Tracy, which place has since remained the scene of his professional labors. An extensive and lucrative practice has been accorded him and he is known all over the county, enjoying an enviable reputation for skill and ability in the field of his chosen

profession. He belongs to the Marion County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society and thus keeps in close touch with the advanced thought of the fraternity. Dr. Park also conducts a drug store in Tracy, owning the store building. He likewise owns an attractive residence here and three hundred and twenty acres of land in Colorado and is one of the directors of the Iowa Savings Bank at Tracy.

In 1882 Dr. Park was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Bireley, a native of Missouri and a daughter of James W. and Martha (Royce) Bireley, who were born in Indiana and Missouri respectively. The mother has passed away, but the father survives and now makes his home with our subject. Dr. and Mrs. Park have no children of their own but have reared five with parental affection and to whom they have afforded excellent educational advantages. They are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives.

Dr. Park is fraternally identified with Lodge No. 163, A. F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 568 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in both of which organizations he has filled all of the chairs. As a citizen he is ever ready to assist in advancing the general welfare and as a physician his constant aim is to discharge his duties conscientiously and always in accordance with the most advanced ideas as to diagnosis and treatment. He has attained deserved recognition in his profession and financially enjoys a condition of practical independence.

DANIEL MARSH.

Daniel Marsh, who was a well known farmer of Knoxville township, was called to his reward on the 26th of February, 1900, after an illness dating from the 28th of July, 1899, when he was stricken with paralysis. He was born in Washington county, Indiana, on the 9th of August, 1824, of Scotch descent. His parents, Cyrus J. and Elizabeth (Goss) Marsh, passed away in Morgan county, Indiana, the father when Daniel was but a small boy and the mother on the 27th of November, 1857, at the age of sixty-three years. Cyrus J. Marsh was a farmer by occupation and well known in his locality. There were seven sons and three daughters in his family, namely: Osbin, Daniel, Cyrus J., Erasmus, Franklin, Fielden, Martin Luther, Mary, Elizabeth and Catherine. Osbin, the eldest, came

to Marion county about 1849 and found the county as yet undeveloped.

When seven years of age Daniel Marsh was taken by his parents to Morgan county, Indiana, and remained there until 1850, when he came to Iowa, joining his brother Osbin in Marion county. He made the journey westward with a party but left his companions at Red Rock, this state, and walked to his brother's home, arriving there on the 10th of May. He continued to reside with his brother until he had entered land of his own and erected a house thereon. He energetically began the improvement of his claim, which was on sections 8 and 9, Knoxville township, and continued to cultivate and develop it during his active life. From time to time, however, he added to his holdings until he owned a large farm which he eventually divided among his children.

On the 14th of October, 1852, Mr. Marsh was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Butcher, who was born near Greencastle, Indiana, on the 21st of July, 1830, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Smith) Butcher. Her father's birth occurred August 6, 1803, and her mother's on the 12th of March, 1805. Mrs. Butcher was called to her reward on the 2d of August, 1832, leaving two children: William, who died on the 11th of February, 1849; and Mrs. Marsh. Mr. Butcher was again married and his second wife died leaving a son, John, who died in June, 1864, while in the Union army and was buried in the National cemetery known as Arlington Heights. Jacob Butcher married a third time, Miss Mildred Woodall becoming his wife. She was born April 27, 1811, and became the mother of five daughters: Melissa, born December 10, 1834; Rebecca, whose birth occurred March 30, 1837; Keziah, who was born January 3, 1840, and died January 10, 1840; Nannie, born October 14, 1842; and Melvina, born August 22, 1845.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marsh five children were born: Annette, born August 27, 1853, now the widow of Robert Morrow and a resident of Knoxville township; Sheldon Jay, whose birth occurred on the 14th of October, 1855, and a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Arthur B., whose natal day was the 28th of July, 1858, and who resides in Knoxville township; Laura A., born September 29, 1862, now the wife of W. F. Burnett; and Mary Edna, who was born on the 12th of August, 1867, and died on the 29th of July, 1876.

Mr. Marsh was a republican and reared his sons to allegiance to that party. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife belongs to the Christian church, being a charter member of the organization in Knoxville. He was one of the most liberal

contributors to the Methodist church and gave the land for and helped to build the edifice for the Eden Methodist church, four miles west of Knoxville. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, having enlisted on the 5th of July, 1847, in Company B, Fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry under Captain J. Alexander and Colonel Garmand. He participated in a number of battles and was mustered out July 16, 1848. For many years he was an esteemed resident of this county and while gaining individual success as a farmer he also contributed to the agricultural development of his locality. Those who knew him recognized his public spirit and integrity and honored him accordingly.

AUGUSTUS ALLAN DAVIS.

Augustus Allan Davis has been an important factor in the public life of the community, holding various offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity, making a most creditable record. Moreover, he is widely known as a successful farmer and stock-raiser, owning three hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on sections 7, 8 and 18, Liberty township. His life has been characterized by intelligently directed industry and thrift and thus he has gained a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Davis was born in Brown county, Illinois, August 25, 1846, a son of J. B. and Nancy (Bridges) Davis, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of North Carolina. They were married, however, in Illinois and in the year 1843 the father came to Marion county, Iowa, settling on a farm in Liberty township, which he later entered from the government when the land was placed upon the market and a land office was opened. It was a tract of wild prairie when it came into his possession, not a furrow having been turned nor an improvement made upon it. He did not immediately take up his abode there but returned to Illinois and remained until 1846, when he again came to this county. In the meantime, however, he had made preparation for establishing his home here by building a little log cabin with clapboard roof and doors. When he returned to the farm in 1846 he immediately occupied that pioneer home and at once began the arduous task of breaking the sod and converting the hitherto wild and unproductive land into rich and fertile fields. He carried on general farming with good success until 1882, when he removed to South Dakota, in which state both he and his wife

passed away, the former dying in 1899 and the latter in 1900. In their family were eight children, four of whom are living, while the whereabouts of one of the number is unknown.

Augustus A. Davis was but an infant when brought by his parents to Iowa and in the little cabin home his youthful days were passed. As his age and strength increased he assisted more and more largely in the work of the fields and he remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and was married. The lady of his choice was Miss Laura M. Spurling, who was born in Indiana, a daughter of N. E. and Emeline (Higgins) Spurling, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of New York. They removed westward to Ohio and afterward to Indiana and subsequently came to Iowa, establishing their home in this county, where they remained until called to their final rest.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Davis began their domestic life on the farm where they now reside. He had previously taught school for several years, his first school being held in one of the oldtime log buildings of pioneer days. He and his wife began housekeeping in a log cabin, which is still standing upon the farm, but only a few years passed ere he was able to secure a more modern and commodious dwelling. Success has attended his efforts as time has passed and, making careful investment of his earnings, he is today the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on sections 7, 8 and 18, Liberty township. His fields have been carefully cultivated according to modern methods and thus it has been possible for him to garner annually large and profitable harvests. He has also made a specialty of stock-raising and thus has added materially to his income. Mr. Davis has several mementos of pioneer life, including the broadaxe with which Jeremiah Gullion helped to hew the logs that were used in the building of the first courthouse of this county. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Davis is a director of the Bussey Savings Bank.

To Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been born twelve children: J. W., at home; G. J., Arthur R. and Rose Lee, all now deceased; Ethan, who is a railroad engineer; Ollie S., the wife of Fred Neifert, of this county; Anna, deceased; Nora E., the wife of William Norris; Cora B., who is now teaching school in Bussey; Jeanette, deceased; May, who is teaching in Hamilton, Iowa; and Horace B., who completes the family and is at home.

The parents attend the Baptist church, and Mr. Davis is a member of Gavel Lodge, No. 228, A. F. & A. M., of Attica, Iowa, in which he has filled all of the chairs. Advancing in the York Rite,

he is now a member of the Royal Arch Chapter at Knoxville and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. In politics he is a democrat and he has been called upon to fill various township offices, making a creditable record by his prompt and faithful discharge of duty. For six years he served as county supervisor, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many measures for the public good. He has likewise served on the school board for a number of years and has done effective work in behalf of the cause of public education. His influence is always on the side of advancement and improvement. He has lived practically his entire life, covering sixty-eight years, in this county and there is no phase of its history with which he is not familiar and no point of its progress in which he has not been interested. He has given his aid to many measures for the public good and at all times has been classed with the public-spirited citizens of Liberty township.

FREDERICK JORDAN.

Through the years of his connection with Marion county Frederick Jordan, now deceased, ranked with the leading and representative farmers, owning a valuable property of two hundred and sixty acres on sections 7 and 8, Knoxville township. He was born in Brunswick, Germany, November 9, 1826, and was there reared to manhood. He learned the cabinetmaker's trade in his youth and guided by the laudable desire to make the best possible use of his time and opportunities, he came to the new world, believing that he would have better advantages on this side of the Atlantic. It was in 1847 that he made the voyage and soon afterward he became a resident of Madison, Wisconsin, where he followed various business pursuits during a period of eighteen months. At the end of that time he went to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he continued until 1852, and in the fall of that year he started for California, attracted by the discoveries of gold on the Pacific coast. Four and a half years were devoted to mining in that state, after which he returned to Fort Madison, where he lived until 1860, when he came to Marion county, here making his home until his death.

Throughout the period of his residence here Mr. Jordan carried on general agricultural pursuits and was very successful in the development of his fields and the improvement of his property. He was well known as a man of thrift, of energy and of determination,

and his labors were soon evidenced in the substantial improvements which he placed upon his farm. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he was extensively engaged in stock-raising and won substantial success as the years passed on, becoming eventually the owner of a splendid farm property of two hundred and sixty acres in Knoxville township.

In April, 1858, Mr. Jordan was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Brennaka, a native of Germany, and they became the parents of fifteen children: Christina, George, Louis, Emma, John, Charles, Albert, Anna, Henry and Mandy, all of whom are yet living; and August, Willie, Clara, Minnie and Mary, who have passed away. Mr. Jordan was devoted to the welfare of his family and his greatest pleasure in his success came from the fact that it enabled him to provide a good home for his wife and children. He passed away in March, 1901, and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret among those who knew him. He had never had occasion to feel sorry that he came to America on attaining his majority, for in this country he found the opportunities which he sought and in their improvement gradually worked his way upward, ever proving a loyal citizen of his adopted land.

JOSEPH W. BOYD.

Joseph W. Boyd is one of the leaders in the industrial life of Pella and is connected with the Pella Overall Company. He was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on the 6th of November, 1855, a son of Leslie and Elizabeth (Marion) Boyd. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent. Leslie Boyd was engaged in the horse business and was very successful therein. Mr. Boyd of this review was given the advantages of a public-school education and in 1878, when a young man of about twenty-three years, went to Chicago, where he became connected with the garment maker's business. He was for a time cutter for the Straus-Kahn Company and later went to Columbus, Georgia, where he was superintendent for the Georgia Manufacturing Company until 1908. He then removed to Racine, living a few months in that city, but in 1909 he came to Pella, where he has since resided. He is connected with the Pella Overall Company as manager and his knowledge of the problems of administration, involving alike questions of production and distribution, make him a valuable executive.

Mr. Boyd was married in 1881 to Miss Minnie Brock of Chicago, and to their union were born four sons and a daughter: Harry, the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Olean, New York; Leslie Warren, who has passed away; Charlotte Elizabeth, at home; George L., residing in Des Moines; and Joseph W., Jr., living at Pella. Mr. Boyd is a republican when national issues are at stake, but in local affairs votes independently, believing that non-partisanship is the best in municipal elections. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree, and to the Knights of Pythias, and his religious belief is indicated by his affiliation with the Second Reformed church. In the five years that he has lived in Pella he has not only contributed to the upbuilding of her industrial life but has also aided largely in the furtherance of those civic movements which mean progress and advancement for the whole community.

C. J. SCOTT, D. V. M.

Dr. C. J. Scott is one of the best known veterinary surgeons in Marion county and is proving very successful in the practice of his profession. He was born on the 24th of June, 1881, a son of W. J. and Mary (McConnell) Scott, natives of Warren county and Jasper county, Iowa, respectively. His grandparents on both sides were pioneer settlers of Iowa.

Dr. Scott was reared upon his father's farm and attended the public schools in the acquirement of his elementary education. He was later a student at Ackworth Academy and at Humboldt College and upon completing his general education entered the veterinary department of the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated with the degree of D. V. M. in 1908. He located for practice in Pleasantville and remained there for a few months, after which he entered the employ of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry and was sent over several of the western states in quarantine work. In 1911 he came to Knoxville and has since engaged in active practice here. He has had thorough training for his profession and his experience has also taught him much and since coming here he has gained a large and lucrative practice.

Dr. Scott was married on the 11th of February, 1913, to Miss Winnifred Clark, of Indianola, this state, and to their union has been born a son, Roger Clark. Mrs. Scott is a member of the Methodist

Episcopal church and the Doctor gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Fraternally he belongs to Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M.; Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M.; and Melita Commandery, No. 64, K. T. He is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Knoxville and has gained an unusual measure of prosperity for one of his years. His many friends hold him in warm regard and value highly his friendship.

AMOS MICHAEL BEAVER.

Amos Michael Beaver owns and operates a well improved farm of sixty acres on section 11, Knoxville township, his place being pleasantly and conveniently located four and a half miles east of the city of Knoxville. He was born near his present home, in the township in which he still resides, October 10, 1873, a son of Amos and Elizabeth (Hedrick) Beaver, who were natives of Ross county, Ohio, where they were reared and married. They removed to Michigan, thence to Illinois, later to Nebraska and finally settled in this county in the latter part of the '60s. Amos Beaver secured a farm of two hundred and eighteen acres and cultivated and improved his land until in the later years of his life, when he retired and removed to Knoxville. There he died, September 26, 1906, when about seventy-three years of age. His wife had passed away on the old home farm in 1901, when about sixty-seven years of age. They were consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Beaver gave his political support to the republican party but did not seek the honors and emoluments of office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He was well known as a successful farmer and stockman. He and his wife reared a family of five daughters and three sons, of whom Amos M. Beaver and four sisters are now living, namely: Mrs. Etta Taylor, of Knoxville township, this county; Mrs. Ella Butler, who resides in Knoxville township on the old homestead; Mrs. Maria J. Pippin, who lives on a fruit farm at The Dalles, Oregon, east of Portland; and Mrs. May Boylan, who is a widow living in Iowa.

Amos M. Beaver has spent his entire life to the present time in Marion county and supplemented his public-school course by study in the Central University of Iowa at Pella. He was trained to farm work, which he has always followed and upon his place, comprising sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 11, Knoxville

township, he has made fine improvements, so that he now has a valuable and attractive property. He also makes stock-raising an important feature of his business. He raises fine Shropshire sheep and others of good grade and he also raises high grade hogs and horses.

On the 29th of June, 1904, Mr. Beaver was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ann Wood, who was born in the county of Durham, England, October 9, 1875, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Raines) Wood. The mother died in the fall of 1875, leaving Mrs. Beaver the only child. The father married again in England and came to America. He established his home in Marion county, where he lived for a time but afterward went to the far west and died on Vancouver Island in 1889. Mrs. Beaver was reared by her grandfather, Mr. Joseph Wood, who came to Marion county in 1880, settling in Knoxville township. The grandfather died August 5, 1903, when almost ninety-two years of age. He would have attained that age on the 11th of October. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian.

Mr. Beaver gives his political allegiance to the republican party and he served as assessor of Knoxville township in 1913. Formerly he was identified with the Red Men. He concentrates his energies, however, upon his farming interests and his well directed activity is bringing to him a substantial and justly merited measure of success.

JOHN WESLEY McCLAIN, SR.

John Wesley McClain, Sr., who died on the 7th of February, 1906, was for over six decades a resident of Iowa and for forty-six years made his home in Marion county, where he was widely known and greatly respected. He was born on the 19th of July, 1834, in Hendricks county, Indiana, a son of Phillip and Rachel (Jenkins) McClain, who removed to Wapello county, Iowa, when their son John Wesley was but eight years of age. Some years later the family came to this county, locating in Knoxville township, west of the city of Knoxville. Phillip McClain owned a farm and resided thereon until his death, which occurred on the 6th of July, 1873, when he was about seventy-two years of age. His wife died in Wapello county, leaving ten children, all of whom are deceased.

John W. McClain grew to manhood in this state and here acquired his education. A great deal of his training for the duties of life

was of a practical nature and gained by work in the fields, as he early began to assist in the cultivation of the homestead. When he reached manhood he decided to follow the occupation to which he had been reared as it was both profitable and congenial, and in time he purchased the home farm, five miles west of Knoxville. He lived there in all for forty-six years. At one time he owned a quarter section and as he was efficient in the management of his interests and energetic in the cultivation of his land he received a good income from his farm.

On the 18th of March, 1855, Mr. McClain was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Saha, a native of Jackson county, Ohio, born on the 6th of August, 1837. Her parents, John and Hannah (Richabaugh) Saha, died in the Buckeye state when comparatively young. The father was a native of Ireland and the mother of Virginia. She was a Methodist in her religious faith. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. McClain, Reuben Richabaugh, served in the Revolutionary army. Mrs. McClain came to Knoxville in 1853 with her brothers, Jackson and James Saha, both of whom died when about eighty years of age, while a younger brother, Franklin, who enlisted from Ohio and served under Sherman in the Civil war, died at Nashville, Tennessee, of typhoid fever and was buried there.

Mr. and Mrs. McClain became the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters. Richard T., born on the 2d of October, 1856, resides at Carlisle, Iowa. He married Miss Mary Courtney, by whom he has had four children, two sons and a daughter who are still living, and a daughter, deceased. William J., born April 9, 1860, owns and operates a farm in Polk county, Iowa. He married Miss Fannie Chaffey and they have a daughter and two sons. Flora E., who was born on the 3d of December, 1862, is the widow of Edward Derrickson and resides at Swan, this county. She has four daughters and two sons. Lydia Ann, born July 29, 1868, is the wife of William Hyer, a farmer living in Minnesota, and they have five sons and two daughters. A sketch of John Wesley, Jr., the next in order of birth, appears elsewhere in this work. Charles P., born February 7, 1874, resides in Omaha, Nebraska, and is successfully engaged in the grain business. He married Miss Dora Murphy and they have one son. Mettie A., who was born December 10, 1876, resides with her widowed mother at No. 803 Robinson street, Knoxville. Both are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. McClain exercised his right of franchise in support of the democratic party and manifests a citizen's interest in public affairs. His boyhood was passed amid pioneer conditions in Iowa but at the

time of his death the state had become one of the most prosperous of the Union and villages and cities existed where in the early days there was nothing but the prairie covered with wild grass. He was not only an interested witness of the many and swift changes which have wrought this transformation but did his share to bring it about, aiding in the agricultural development of his county and seeking always to advance those phases of civilization represented by the schools, church and state.

GEORGE L. BUTTERFIELD.

George L. Butterfield has since 1904 resided upon the farm in Liberty township, not far from Bussey, which is still his home, and many of the improvements to be seen thereon are evidences of his handiwork and of his progressive spirit. Mr. Butterfield is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Bureau county, that state, February 22, 1866, his parents being P. H. and Elizabeth (Wilson) Butterfield. The father was a native of New York and his last days were spent in Iowa, where he became a bridge contractor, having come to this state in 1867. The mother still survives and resides in Marion county.

George L. Butterfield may well be called a self-made man, for he started out in life to earn his living when but ten years of age and has since been dependent upon his own resources and efforts for the success which has come to him. He was first employed as a farm hand. He early learned the lesson that industry wins and he has led a very active, busy and useful life. In 1904 he purchased the farm upon which he now resides and at once began to improve and develop it. He has always made a specialty of stock-raising in connection with general farming and has handled some good grades of cattle and hogs. His judgment in business matters is sound and reliable, and his enterprise is at all times unfaltering. Recently he has sold his farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Liberty township and purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres in Knoxville township adjacent to the city of Knoxville.

In 1885 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Butterfield and Miss Lily Gregory, whose family history is given in connection with the sketch of T. R. Gregory on another page of this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield have been born six children: John O., a member of

the United States navy; Myrtle E. and James H., both now deceased; Tony R.; Harriett G.; and Sarah E.

Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield attend the Methodist Episcopal church and he holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party and he has always been a staunch advocate of its platform since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as school director but has never sought nor desired political preferment. His life may well serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others, showing what may be accomplished when perseverance and energy lead the way and when determination is of such strength that obstacles and difficulties are readily overcome. Having to earn his own living when a lad of ten years, his educational opportunities were necessarily limited, but he has found that experience is a good teacher and from her he has learned many practical lessons. Working his way upward step by step, he has constantly widened his opportunities and he certainly deserves the prosperity which has come to him.

WILLIAM A. KELLY.

William A. Kelly died in 1913 upon his home farm in Knoxville township, which is now the home of his son, John W. Kelly, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. For an extended period he had been connected with agricultural interests and had made for himself a creditable name and place as a representative of agricultural life in Marion county.

He was born in Ohio in 1842 and was a son of John Kelly, a native of Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio. For some time ere leaving his native state he made his home in Columbiana county, Ohio, and then in the year 1860 he and his brother, Thomas Kelly, brought their families to Iowa, establishing their homes upon farms in Knoxville township. They became well known and representative agriculturists of that district and had a large circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

The ancestral history of the family can be traced back to the colonial epoch in America. John and Thomas Kelly were sons of William Kelly, who was a descendant of Nathan and Ann (Smith) Kelly, Scotch-Irish people, who came to America in 1770. Nathan

Kelly enlisted for service in the Revolutionary war in 1778 and loyally aided the colonists in their struggle for independence.

Thus it was that William A. Kelly was eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. His patriotism was manifest during the Civil war by his enlistment September 3, 1861, in Company K, Third Iowa Cavalry, and on the 1st of January, 1864, he reenlisted. He was captured at Ripley, Mississippi, June 11, 1864, and was first confined in Andersonville prison and later at Lawton, Georgia, from which place he was taken to Florence, South Carolina. He was at length paroled on the 20th of March, 1865.

Mr. Kelly was one of a family of ten children who were brought by their parents to Iowa, the family home being established in Knoxville township, Marion county, where representatives of the family have since been found. His youthful experiences were those which usually fall to the lot of the farm lad. He assisted his father in the arduous task of developing and improving a new farm and ultimately he began farming on his own account, becoming the owner of an excellent tract of land which he carefully developed and improved to the time of his death, which occurred in 1913. Like others of the family he was well known and his progressiveness in connection with community affairs and his public-spirited citizenship established him firmly in the regard of his fellow townsmen.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK.

The Citizens National Bank of Pella was organized in January, 1906, with L. Kruidenier as president; B. H. Van Spanckeren, Jr., as cashier; and H. D. Wormhoudt as vice president. The capital stock was twenty-five thousand dollars and the institution purchased a building situated at the corner of Franklin and Main streets and remodeled it. It has three stories, the first being used by the bank, the second being given over to offices, while the third is devoted to lodge rooms. The bank is capitalized the same as at its organization and has a surplus of five thousand dollars, while the deposits total one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The present officers are: H. D. Wormhoudt, president; J. S. Rhynsburger, vice president; and B. H. Van Spanckeren, Jr., cashier.

The bank has prospered steadily in the eight years in which it has been opened for business and has completely gained the confidence of the public as its policy has always been to make the safety

of its deposits the first consideration and the earning of dividends secondary in importance. However, due to the excellent business ability of its officers the institution has been a success from the point of dividends declared and its stock has advanced in price. It has correspondents in all of the leading cities and is able to give its depositors and the business men of Pella all of the services of a modern bank.

FRANK V. REAVER.

Frank V. Reaver was for many years in the bakery and restaurant business but has now sold his interests in that connection and devotes his time to his duties as vice president of the Knoxville Gas Company. He was born in Knoxville on the 23d of April, 1858, a son of John and Mary C. (Sherman) Reaver, natives of Philadelphia and Newcastle, Pennsylvania, respectively. The father brought his family to Knoxville in 1856 from Columbus, Ohio, where he was a baker and candy maker. He opened the first store of the kind in Knoxville and conducted the business personally until he retired in 1879. He had learned his trade in New York in 1851. He passed away in 1894 and was survived by his widow until September, 1912. Fraternally he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To their union were born eight children, four of whom died in infancy. Those who grew to maturity were as follows: Mrs. R. O. Ayres, deceased; Frank V., of this review; J. O., a resident of Des Moines; and C. A., living in Eldora, Iowa.

Frank V. Reaver attended the public schools, gaining a serviceable education, and as a youth of seventeen became associated with his father in the restaurant and bakery which the latter owned. In 1875, however, he embarked in the boot and shoe business, selling out in 1877, when he again became connected with his father in business. In 1879 he assumed charge of the bakery and restaurant, his father retiring from active life, and he conducted it successfully until 1908. In his restaurant and bakery alike he used nothing but pure materials and great care was exercised at all times to maintain strictly sanitary conditions and to avoid any possible contamination of the food. Since 1908 he has devoted his time to his other business interests, especially to the gas plant, as he is vice president of the Knoxville Gas Company.

In 1881 Mr. Reaver married Miss Hattie M. Taylor, of Burlington, Iowa, a daughter of Colonel J. E. Taylor. Mr. Reaver is a progressive in his political belief and is serving as alderman of the first ward. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He has a wide acquaintance in the city and not only readily makes friends but holds them, as his character is one that commands respect.

HARRISON HORSMAN.

Among the active, energetic and enterprising business men of Marion county is Harrison Horsman, president of the Citizens Bank of Pleasantville, in which institution he has been a stockholder for the past twenty-two years or more. He is also the owner of a farm in Union and Pleasant Grove townships, comprising four hundred and thirteen acres and his rental of this property brings to him a gratifying annual income.

For sixty years Mr. Horsman has lived in Marion county, having arrived in November, 1854, at which time he took up his abode upon a farm in Union township. He was then a youth of fourteen years, his birth having occurred in Highland county, Ohio, June 2, 1840, his parents being Levi and Sidney (Bonecutter) Horsman, who were natives of Virginia but were married in the Buckeye state. They started west in 1844 and spent ten years in Shelby county, Illinois, whence they removed to Iowa in 1854, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of this county. The father here engaged in farming after entering land from the government in Union township. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon his place, but with characteristic energy he began its development and transformed the tract into richly cultivated fields to which he added from time to time until he became the owner of an extensive farm property, in the conduct and management of which he was very successful. He resided upon that farm until his death, which occurred in 1873 when he was sixty-five years of age. In politics he was a republican and gave loyal support to the principles of that party. Both he and his wife were consistent and faithful members of the Christian church. Mrs. Horsman survived her husband for a number of years and passed away at the advanced age of eighty-eight. In their family were seven children, of whom five are yet living: David, who is now retired in Pleasantville; John, of Wichita, Kan-

sas; Joseph, living in Union township; Mrs. Grace Elder, a widow whose home is in Kansas; and Harrison. One sister died in early life in Illinois and another died in this county.

Harrison Horsman was reared in Marion county and attended the public schools. He also pursued his education in Pella for a time and was a pupil there when the Civil war broke out. He watched with interest the progress of events, saw that the war was to be no mere holiday affair and, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, offered his services to the government, enlisting at Red Rock in 1862 as a member of Company H, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and three days, or until the close of hostilities. He became a noncommissioned officer and was mustered out at Fort Gibson, Arkansas, in the fall of 1865. He was never seriously wounded nor was he at any time held as a prisoner of war. He participated, however, in many hotly contested engagements, arduous campaigns and long, hard marches and returned to his home with a creditable military record. When the war was over he resumed farming, in which he was actively engaged until 1894, when he retired from business life and took up his abode in Pleasantville, where he erected the comfortable and commodious residence that he now occupies. While upon the farm he carefully managed the work of the fields and his energy and determination brought good results.

Mr. Horsman was married in Pleasant Grove township in 1867 to Miss Margaret Jane Logan, who was born October 31, 1849, at what is now Pleasantville, a daughter of Gilmore and Mary (Stratton) Logan, who had settled in Marion county in the fall of 1845, being among the pioneers of this part of the state. All around was the unclaimed and undeveloped prairie and the work of improvement had scarcely been begun, but with other pioneer settlers Mr. Logan aided in planting the seeds of civilization that in time brought forth abundant harvests. He entered land and followed farming and upon his original home place he resided until his death, which occurred in 1895 when he was seventy-five years of age. For a brief period he had survived his wife, who died in 1891. They were earnest, Christian people, loyal to their professions as members of the Baptist church. In the family were three sons and three daughters, who are yet living: Mrs. Horsman; Charles, a resident of Knoxville; Albert, whose home is in Dallas, this county; George, living in Des Moines; Mrs. C. R. Johnson, who is located at Centralia, Kansas; and Mrs. Bertie Elliott, of Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. Horsman are the parents of four children: Leonard, who

died leaving a wife and one son, Gail, who are now residents of Knoxville; Iva Nora, who died in infancy; Elva, the wife of Thomas Conway, by whom she has five children, their home being upon her father's farm; and Lula, who is the wife of Warren Summy. They also live on one of her father's farms and their family numbers three children.

Mr. Horsman exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and his fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, have called him to a number of local offices, including that of member of the board of supervisors, on which he served from 1896 until 1899, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many measures for the public good. He and his family are members of the Christian church and he is highly esteemed throughout the community in which he makes his home. More than two decades ago he became connected with the Citizens Bank of Pleasantville and since his retirement from farming has been called to the office of president, in which capacity he is now connected with the institution. He is a thoroughly reliable and energetic business man and in every relation of life commands the confidence and good-will of those who know him.

JAMES M. MAY.

James M. May is now living retired at the venerable age of eighty years, making his home in Columbia, where he has resided for more than a quarter of a century and where for a number of years he was actively and successfully identified with mercantile interests. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 25th of July, 1834, his parents being G. W. and Mary (Wood) May, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. They were married in Indiana and continued to reside in that state until called to their final rest. G. W. May went to the Hoosier state as early as 1814 and took up his abode in the timber, living in log cabins for many years. He was an agriculturist by occupation and undertook the arduous task of developing a farm, first grubbing out the stumps and performing the other difficult labor necessary in a new district. To him and his wife were born two children.

James M. May received a common-school education in his youth and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he bought a farm in Indiana and devoted

his attention to its operation until 1861, when he removed to Monroe county, Iowa, there purchasing and locating on a tract of land comprising eighty acres. He cultivated that property until 1887 and in that year came to Columbia, Marion county, where he has resided continuously since. He was first engaged in business as a general merchant for three years, on the expiration of which period he sold out and embarked in the hardware business, enjoying a gratifying patronage in that connection until he disposed of the enterprise and retired. He still owns sixty-three acres of land on sections 6 and 27, in Washington and Cedar townships, and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and respected citizens of his adopted county.

In 1856 Mr. May was united in marriage to Miss Susan Harned, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Real) Harned, who were born in Indiana and passed away in Marion county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. May became the parents of six children, as follows: G. W., who is engaged in business as a merchant of Columbia; Thomas V., an agriculturist of this county; John H., who is a resident of Ringgold county, Iowa; Elizabeth, who is the wife of W. S. Long, of Lucas county, Iowa; William B., living on the old homestead; and Rachel, who gave her hand in marriage to Buel Maddy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Maddy are deceased.

Mr. May is a republican in his political views and has ably served as justice of the peace for eighteen years, while for twenty years he has acted in the capacity of school director, making a most creditable record in public office. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Tyre Lodge, No. 185, A. F. & A. M., of which he has been treasurer since 1894. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as class leader for years and to which his wife also belongs. They are widely and favorably known throughout the community, having won the unqualified confidence and regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

JAMES L. CLARK.

James L. Clark is one of the owners of a modern and well stocked men's furnishing and clothing store, in which he has had a half interest since 1910. He is a representative business man of Knoxville and is always willing to cooperate with others in securing the com-

mercial expansion of the city. His birth occurred in this county on the 18th of April, 1860, and his parents were James and Merinda (Miller) Clark, natives of Warren county, Tennessee, and Putnam county, Indiana, respectively. His paternal grandfather was Benjamin Clark, who was a Baptist preacher and spent his life in Tennessee. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent. James Clark, father of our subject, arrived in this county in 1849 and took up government land six miles northwest of Knoxville, at which time there were 10 neighbors within a distance of two miles. He devoted his life to farming and was a highly respected citizen of the county. He died on the 10th of April, 1902. His wife was a daughter of John and Willa Miller, who about 1848 came to Iowa and settled in Marion county, where they entered government land, their farm being located north of Dallas and becoming in time one of the well developed properties of the county. Mrs. Merinda Clark passed away on the 11th of June, 1896. She attended the Baptist church, as did also Mr. Clark, and the latter was a democrat in his political belief. To them were born six children. Both had been married previous to their union and the father had six children by his first marriage and the mother two by her union with William Sunderland.

James L. Clark received a common-school education and in addition to the lessons which he learned from books was given valuable training in agriculture, as he assisted his father in the work of the farm during his youth. On reaching manhood he continued to follow the occupation to which he had been reared until 1902 and also taught school during the winter months for eight consecutive years. He then went to Webster, South Dakota, where he engaged in the real-estate business for seven years, but in 1909 returned to this state, locating in Rock Rapids, where he entered the mercantile business. After one year he sold his store and came to Knoxville, where in partnership with C. Rouze Hunter he opened a men's furnishing and clothing store in March, 1910. They are usually able to anticipate the fashions which are destined to be most popular and their stock offers a varied and pleasing line from which to select. As the clothing which they sell is at once correct in line, attractive in weave and lasting in wearing qualities, their customers are many and the volume of their business is steadily increasing. A feature of the store that adds much to its popularity is the courteous treatment given all and the sincere effort to aid customers in choosing that which will be the most permanently satisfying, as the partners realize that it is not enough to merely sell goods, as continued growth in a business depends upon the giving of real value and real service.

Mr. Clark was married on the 26th of April, 1893, to Miss Fannie Hunter, a daughter of M. C. and Emily Hunter. They have three children: Lorein, Paul and James, all at home. Mr. Clark and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he has served as its treasurer since 1911. Politically he is an adherent of the democratic party and during 1902-3 he served as deputy county treasurer of Marion county. His social nature finds expression in his membership in Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M., and in the Knights of Pythias. Throughout his entire life Mr. Clark has ordered his conduct in conformity to the standards of justice and right and his reward is the consciousness of duty faithfully performed and the esteem of his fellowmen.

EDWARD LOYNACHAN.

In the death of Edward Loynachan, Marion county lost a representative citizen who for a long period had been ranked with the prominent and successful farmers and business men of Clay township. He passed away at his home there on the 3d of September, 1906, when he had reached the age of seventy-two years, five months and twenty-two days. He was a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, and during his childhood was brought to the new world, the family home being established in Washington county, Ohio. There he remained throughout the period of his minority and on the 14th of April, 1857, he came to Marion county, his destination being Bellefontaine, near the present town of Tracy. He made his way up the Des Moines river and joined his brother David, who had preceded him to this state.

The brothers had previously worked on and along the Ohio river and had saved their money with the hope of ultimately investing in property, and after reaching this county they purchased a tract of between two and three hundred acres of government land in the vicinity of the present village of Durham. They lived in a log cabin on the land belonging to the brother, making their home together for some years, but ultimately Edward Loynachan built a house on his own land and kept bachelor's hall for six or seven years. Together the brothers broke the sod with ox teams and made rails from which they built a fence. They added other improvements from time to time as opportunity permitted and in the course of years the once wild prairie which came into their possession was transformed into

a valuable farm property supplied with all modern equipments and conveniences in the way of buildings and machinery, while the land was brought to a high state of cultivation. That success in large measure crowned the intelligently directed labors of Edward Loynachan is indicated in the fact that he was at one time the owner of seven hundred and seventy-one and a half acres in Clay and Knoxville townships and was thus numbered among the large landowners of Marion county.

On the 27th of February, 1873, Mr. Loynachan was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Spohn, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, January 3, 1854, but lost her parents in early girlhood and was reared by an aunt. She came to Marion county just prior to the outbreak of the Civil war and since 1907 has resided at Knoxville, owning and occupying a fine home at No. 1414 Montgomery street. She is still the owner of valuable farming property and her farm is operated by a son. Mrs. Loynachan is a member of the Presbyterian church, which her husband attended and supported, and she also has membership with the Rebekahs of Knoxville.

To Mr. and Mrs. Loynachan were born three children: Oda May, now the wife of J. A. Hammond, mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Clark C., who was born in 1879 and married Bertha Rouze, by whom he has four children; and David H., who was born December 14, 1890, and married Ethel Whitlatch. They have one child, a daughter. Mr. Loynachan exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day but was not an aspirant for office. He felt that the pursuits of private life were in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts and he concentrated his energies upon his farming with the result that he won a creditable place among the substantial citizens of Clay township and by his honorable business methods gained the respect and good-will of all.

SAXTON LA FAYETTE COLLINS.

In the demise of Saxton La Fayette Collins, which occurred on Friday evening, August 19, 1904, Knoxville lost one of the men who were prominent in the organization and control of her banking institutions. He was a man of marked financial and executive ability and left his impress upon the business life of the city.

He was born in Richland county, Ohio, December 12, 1830, a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Adgate) Collins, and spent his early life upon his father's farm. He attended the public schools in the winters and was also for one term a student at the Bellville (Ohio) high school. In 1850, when a young man of twenty years, he accompanied his brother, A. W. Collins, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, to Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa, and there worked for a year upon a farm, receiving fifty cents per day in return for his labor. He did the hardest kind of farm work, splitting rails, making fence, breaking the prairie and many other things. In 1852 he and his brother located at Knoxville and engaged in the mercantile business. In May, 1856, he opened a store in company with others at Gosport and continued in business as a merchant until 1865, when he sold out his interests in that line and, owing to failing health, removed to a farm. In 1871 he became an organizer of the Knoxville National Bank and was for some years its largest stockholder. In 1883, in company with his sons, La Fayette S. and Grant, he engaged in merchandising and in 1885 they purchased the Earlville & Knoxville Coal Company and in 1889 established the S. L. Collins Oil & Tank Line. In 1891, together with J. Ramey, La Fayette S. Collins, L. O. Donnelly, A. J. Hanna and others, he organized the Citizens National Bank. In 1901 he was one of the incorporators of the Peoples Savings Bank of Albia, Iowa, among his associates being B. P. Castner, L. S. Collins and L. B. Myers. In 1903 Mr. Collins of this review was instrumental in founding the Iowa State Savings Bank and served as president for a number of years. He was the largest stockholder in all of the banks in which he was interested and was one of the most powerful men in local financial circles.

In 1854 Mr. Collins was united in marriage with Miss Lavinia M. James, of Ohio, who passed away on the 4th of October, 1860. To them were born three children: Clinton A., now a resident of Wahoo, Nebraska; Mrs. Alice E. Gilson, who passed away at Holyoke, Colorado, in 1899; and Delphine, who died in infancy. On the 4th of October, 1864, Mr. Collins was joined in wedlock with Miss Anna Thompson, of Center county, Pennsylvania. She was born there in 1841, a daughter of Elias and Rebecca (McKain) Thompson, of English and Scotch parentage respectively. Her father died in 1848 but her mother survived him for many years. She passed away more than three decades ago. To them were born seven children and a sister of Mrs. Collins is still residing in the Keystone state. As her father died when she was but seven years

of age, Mrs. Collins was reared by a family named Ferguson and in 1861 accompanied them to this state. She taught school several years in Marion county before her marriage and has resided at or near Knoxville for more than fifty years, being highly esteemed in the county. She is a faithful and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To Mr. and Mrs. Collins were born the following children: La Fayette S., a resident of Knoxville; Grant, who is connected with the Cedar Rapids Oil Company at Cedar Rapids; Mrs. N. H. McCorkle, of Mountain View, California; June, now Mrs. E. O. Ames and a resident of Omaha; Belle, who married R. H. Jacobs, of New York city; Scott, associated with his brother Grant in the Cedar Rapids Oil Company; Joy, who is employed in the Citizens Bank of Knoxville; Anna, who died in 1870; and Hope, whose demise occurred in 1893.

Mr. Collins was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church from 1853 until his death and contributed liberally of his means to its support, while he was always willing to give his time and efforts to the furtherance of its plans. In 1895, when the present fine church structure was erected, he was a member of the building committee. For several years he served on the board of trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant and in this way aided the cause of Christian education. In 1858 he became an Odd Fellow and from 1861 was a past grand in that organization, always taking a great interest in its affairs. Although ten years have passed since the death of Mr. Collins his influence is still strongly felt in the financial life of his city and his many friends cherish his memory as they knew him to be a man of high purpose and fine achievement.

CAPTAIN CALEB J. AMOS.

Marion county pays honor to a most worthy man when she makes mention of Captain Caleb J. Amos, who was numbered among the Iowa pioneers who represented the state upon the battlefields of the south during the darkest hour in the country's history and who was afterward identified with business interests in this state, becoming a merchant of Knoxville. Ohio claimed him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Highland county, that state, on the 31st of July, 1839. His father, Pleasant Amos, was born in Grayson county,

Virginia, and represented one of the old colonial families of that section of the country. He removed from Virginia to Ohio and in the autumn of 1848 brought his family to Iowa, again casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers. He took up his abode near Red Rock, in Marion county, and Captain Amos, who was then a lad of nine years, was largely reared to manhood in Marion county, meeting with many of the experiences of pioneer life.

The latter attended the common schools and afterward became a student in Central University at Pella, where he pursued his studies for three or four years. He had almost reached the point of graduation when his course was interrupted by his military life. All of his preconceived plans were put aside when the Civil war broke out, for on the 12th of August, 1862, he enlisted as a member of Company H of the Fortieth Iowa Infantry and assisted Dr. Johnston in raising that company. His father had been a soldier in the War of 1812 and the military spirit was strong within him. He was chosen second lieutenant of his company, but was commissioned first lieutenant when the regiment was mustered into service at Iowa City on the 15th of November, 1862, being the youngest commissioned officer in his brigade. The following winter was spent in Kentucky and in the summer of 1863 he participated in the siege of Vicksburg. Later his command was stationed for a year and a half at Little Rock, Arkansas, and when Captain Richards retired from the command of the company Mr. Amos was appointed to that position on the 9th of April, 1864, and thus won the title by which he was afterward known. He was at that time acting quartermaster of his regiment in the place of A. B. Miller of Knoxville, who had retired. Captain Amos saw strenuous service in the Camden expedition, in which he was twice wounded, though not so seriously as to necessitate his leaving the company. He was on duty at Fort Smith and at Fort Gibson and when, in May, 1865, the victorious Union army marched through the streets of Washington in the Grand Review—the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere—Captain Amos stood at the head of his company and participated in that event. He was mustered out with his command on the 2d of August, 1865.

Captain Amos at once returned to Marion county and on the 20th of May, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Emily A. Hestwood, a daughter of the Rev. Samuel Hestwood, who for many years was a distinguished minister of the Methodist Episcopal church in Iowa. They became the parents of four children, all of whom died in infancy, with the exception of one son, Charles, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Following his marriage Captain Amos located in Essex, Page county, Iowa, where he engaged in business for three years and took an active part in the upbuilding of the town during the time when the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad was built through there. In 1875 he moved to Knoxville, erected a business block and conducted a dry-goods and general store until 1878, becoming one of the leading merchants of the city. The success which he achieved in that connection led him to seek a still broader field of labor and in October, 1878, he went to Chicago, where he engaged in the live stock commission business to the time of his death. He was a man of energy and prudence, possessed sound business ability and good judgment and obtained in large measure the rewards of business application and enterprise. He was also a man of scholarly tastes and habits and in the midst of pressing business duties found time to keep abreast with modern thought and to inform himself concerning questions of vital and significant importance. Of him it was said: "He was known among his associates as a thoughtful, well informed man and one possessing broad views of public matters and of life. To him the world was more than a place in which to make money."

Captain Amos passed away at his home in Chicago on the 7th of January, 1893, and his remains were taken back to Knoxville, Iowa, for interment. He was for many years an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity and to the time of his death retained his membership in the lodge at Knoxville, which organization conducted his funeral services. He was also a member of Abraham Lincoln Post, G. A. R., and many of its members were present when he was laid to rest. No better indication of his life and character can be given than by quoting from one of the Knoxville papers, which said of him:

"Captain Amos was deservedly held in high esteem by all who knew him. He had the confidence and esteem of his business associates in an unusual degree. In the army he was loved, honored and trusted by his comrades and showed marked qualities for leadership. He was a man of commanding presence, generous heart and broad sympathies and loved to do a kindly deed. He was an upright, manly man. He had no patience with meanness, trickery or dishonesty. His most marked characteristic was sterling honesty. He sought to be an honest man in business, in his social relations, at home, everywhere. He was a man of courage on the field and was no less brave in the defense of what he believed to be right at home. And with these qualities he was fitted to take a manly part in the wonderful development through which our country has passed since the war and

in the growth of the great western metropolis in which latter he had made his home. In his home life he was a dutiful son, a brother beloved, a kind and loving husband and father and everywhere a genial and companionable man."

REV. JOHN FORSYTHE ROUZE.

Rev. John Forsythe Rouze devoted thirty-six years of his life to preaching the gospel and his influence was of no restricted order, for he was not denied the full harvest nor the aftermath of his labors. In fact he contributed in large measure to the moral progress of Marion county and he was a man highly beloved and respected by all who knew him.

He was born in Butler county, Ohio, January 1, 1823, and was one of a family of five sons and five daughters who were children of Joseph and Susan (Forsythe) Rouze, both of whom were natives of New Jersey, where they were reared and married. They removed to Ohio and later to Indiana, where their last days were spent.

The Rev. John F. Rouze received only such meager educational opportunities as the schools of that early day in the pioneer district afforded. He was quite young when he started out in life on his own account and prior to the Civil war he came to Marion county and entered land from the government. The fact that property could be secured in that way is indicative of the conditions of the county at the time. He lived to see remarkable changes and bore his part in the material development of this section as well as in the moral progress. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church in early manhood but afterward became identified with the Methodist Protestant church, believing that more good could be accomplished through that avenue. For thirty-six years he engaged in preaching and his work was fraught with good results for the benefit of his fellowmen.

Mr. Rouze was three times married and his children were all born of the first union. His last marriage was celebrated September 4, 1865, when Mrs. Nancy J. May became his wife. She was the widow of Alexander S. May, who came to this county with his parents when the Indians were here. After the outbreak of the Civil war he offered his services to the Union and served as a member of Company E, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. His remains now rest in a cemetery in New Orleans. Mrs. Rouze is a daughter of

S. P. and Alsina (Robinson) McCorkle and she became the wife of Mr. Rouze in the old Knoxville courthouse. For a time thereafter they resided upon his farm and he gave considerable attention to its development and improvement, but he never ceased his labors as a minister of the gospel and his efforts in that direction were largely beneficial. At different times he was called to public office by his fellow townsmen, who recognized his worth and ability. He was a member of the Masonic order and also the Knights of Pythias. He died August 28, 1901, since which time Mrs. Rouze has taken up her abode in Bussey, where she still resides. His life, ever honorable in its purpose and high in its ideals, left a deep impress upon many with whom he came in contact and his memory now remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

N. J. GESMAN.

N. J. Gesman is a well known real-estate dealer of Pella and has also been prominent in the political affairs of the city, serving for two terms as mayor, during which time he was instrumental in closing up saloons and objectionable resorts. He was born in Pella on the 1st of November, 1865, a son of N. J. and Anna (de Jong) Gesman, both natives of Holland. The father was but a child when brought by his father, A. G. Gesman, to the United States in 1847, and the family resided in St. Louis for two years but in 1849 removed to Pella. A. G. Gesman, being a carpenter, built many of the first residences in this city and followed contracting until his demise, which occurred about 1889.

N. J. Gesman, Sr., was but eleven years of age when the family came to Pella and he received the greater part of his education here. He studied law and was admitted to the bar about 1872, but prior to this he engaged in teaching school for a time. He continued in the practice of his profession here until about 1890 and won a reputation as a lawyer of ability and integrity. He was connected with many phases of life in the city, as, in addition to his experience as teacher and his practice as a lawyer, he was for the last seven years of his life a minister in the Dutch Reformed church and for a time owned and edited the Pella Gazette. He passed away in 1894. His wife is a daughter of Arie de Jong, who in 1855 brought his family from Holland to the United States and came direct to Pella. Mrs. Gesman survives her husband and resides in Pella at the age of seventy-nine

years. She is an active church worker, as was Mr. Gesman, the latter being one of the founders of the Second Reformed church. They had nine children, three of whom died in infancy. Aric is now living in Omaha; Mrs. John Korver is a resident of Pella; G. A. lives in Lavina, Montana; N. J., of this review, is the next of the family; and Mrs. S. B. Grant resides in Pella.

N. J. Gesman of this review received a public-school education and subsequently attended the Central University of Iowa at Pella. After leaving school he clerked in the city for several years, but in 1888 went west, remaining there until 1900, when he returned to Pella. During the fourteen years that have since passed he has devoted his time to the real-estate business and has become recognized as an authority upon realty values. He has negotiated many important transfers of property and is recognized as one of the prosperous business men of the city.

Mr. Gesman is a democrat in his political belief and has taken a prominent part in public affairs of the city. In 1909 he was elected mayor and reelected in 1911. The question at issue was the liquor business and his election meant the complete rout of the saloon interests. He enforced the law strictly and under his administration all saloons and objectionable resorts were closed. It was also while he was mayor that the bonds were issued for the city water, light and sewers. All who know him concede his sincerity and integrity and honor him for the moral courage which characterizes all of his transactions.

M. L. CURTIS.

M. L. Curtis has been associated with journalism, with the exception of little more than a year, ever since leaving college and in the intervening fifteen years has added wide experience to his excellent general training and is now one of the most able men associated with the press of the smaller cities of the state. He owns a half interest in the Knoxville Journal, which is a publication of wide circulation and of a high standard throughout.

Mr. Curtis was born in this county on the 6th of January, 1876, a son of Joshua and Margaret E. (Andrews) Curtis, both natives of Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Truman Curtis, was also born in the Buckeye state but eventually became a resident of Iowa, although his arrival was subsequent to that of his son Joshua. Tru-

man Curtis, a cabinet maker by trade, opened a shop at Knoxville in 1859 and continued to reside in this city until his death. The family is of English descent. Joshua Curtis came to Knoxville in 1850 and opened a wagon and blacksmith shop. In 1862 he enrolled in the Union army, becoming a member of Company A, Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served until the end of the war, holding the rank of sergeant during the last of his term of enlistment. After the close of hostilities he returned to this county and began farming, so continuing during the remainder of his active life. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his political allegiance was given to the republican party. On the 4th of October, 1894, he passed away but his widow survives and lives in Knoxville. To their union were born five children: one who died in infancy; George, a farmer of this county; Charles E., a resident of Knoxville; Frederick, who is a farmer of this county and who is married and has three children; and M. L., of this review.

The last named received his elementary and secondary education in the public schools of the county, graduating from the Knoxville high school, and he subsequently entered the State University of Iowa, completing a course there in 1899 and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In April, 1898, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, during his term at the university, being a member of Company D, Fifty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Mr. Curtis left school, joined his company and accompanied his regiment to San Francisco. He was a sergeant. After being mustered out, March 4, 1899, on account of physical disability, he returned to school and graduated with honors in his class. His high scholarship also won him election to Phi Beta Kappa, a national fraternity formed for the purpose of fostering a love of learning. For a year and a half he taught school in Knoxville and then, deciding that better opportunities for advancement were to be found in other fields, he purchased an interest in the Daily Republican of Boone, Iowa.

In August, 1901, the Iowa Publishing Company, which issued the Boone Daily Republican and the Atlantic Messenger, purchased the Knoxville Journal, of which Mr. Curtis was made manager. He has since been connected with it and in January, 1902, became the sole owner of the paper, buying it from the Iowa Publishing Company, but late in 1903 T. G. Gilson purchased a half interest in the publication. Mr. Curtis is the editor of the paper and his ability to judge of the news value of a happening of local or general interest and his well developed literary sense have been important factors in making the Knoxville Journal one of the best papers of its size

in the state. Especial attention is given to the reporting of local happenings but news of a general character is not neglected by any means and the editorials are timely and are clearly and succinctly written. As the paper has a large circulation list and as its subscribers are the representative people of the city and county it is valuable as an advertising medium and is patronized as such by the local merchants.

Mr. Curtis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and politically is identified with the republican party. He is an enthusiastic Mason and has been prominently identified with Masonic circles in this part of Iowa. He is a member of Oriental Lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M.; Tadmor Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M.; Melita Commandery, No. 64, K. T.; Des Moines Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of Zabud Council, No. 2, R. S. M. at Oskaloosa. He is a past master of the blue lodge, past high priest of the chapter and past prelate of the commandery. He is a man fitted by natural ability and training for leadership and as editor of the Knoxville Journal he wields no small influence in the public affairs of city and county and this power is always used for the furtherance of the public welfare and the development of the commercial interests of Knoxville. His activities in the councils and affairs of the republican party are of an important character. He has always exerted a strong influence in political matters and his value has been recognized by his party, and in the campaign of 1914 he was one of five men chosen by Senator Cummings personally to manage his senatorial campaign. Mr. Curtis has never sought nor accepted political preferment as an office seeker. He is held in high respect throughout his native county and has many personal friends, who value greatly his good opinion.

JOHN ANDREW AYERS.

Closely connected with agricultural and stock-raising interests in Marion county for many years was John Andrew Ayers, who passed away on the 23d of May, 1913, after a residence of many years in this county. He was born in Illinois on the 26th of January, 1853, his parents being Andrew and Susanna (Smith) Ayers. At an early day the family was established in Marion county, becoming identified with the development of this part of the state when the work of progress and improvement had scarcely been begun here. The family

home was established in Liberty township and Andrew Ayers carried on general farming up to the time of his death. He also took an active interest in community affairs and cooperated in many plans and movements for the development and upbuilding of the county. Both he and his wife were people of the highest respectability and their lives, at all times honorable and upright, won for them warm regard.

John A. Ayers was a pupil in the public schools of this county, to which he came with his parents in early life. He started out on his own account when but a youth and was always identified with general agricultural interests. He also followed carpentering and was a good workman in that line. He thoroughly understood the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and as the years passed on he brought his farm to a high state of cultivation and received therefrom a gratifying annual income, for the large crops which he harvested found a ready sale.

On the 17th of April, 1879, Mr. Ayers was married to Miss Mary M. Yeater, a daughter of James R. and Virginia (Shaw) Yeater. To Mr. and Mrs. Ayers were born three children, Elmer, Mamie and Alfred, all of whom survive. The father passed away on the 23d of May, 1913, and was laid to rest in the Bussey cemetery.

His political allegiance had always been given the republican party from the time when age conferred upon him the right of franchise and for several terms he had efficiently served as road supervisor of Liberty township. He did not seek nor desire office, however. He was essentially a home man and preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and the enjoyment of the companionship of his family, to whom he was a devoted husband and father. In friendship, too, he was faithful and true, and he was highly regarded by all who knew him, so that his death was the occasion of deep regret throughout the county.

GARRY D. CLARK.

For the past seven years Garry D. Clark has resided at Knoxville, having retired from the active cultivation of his farm, which is located five miles from the city. He was born in Humboldt county, Iowa, October 10, 1857, a son of Albert B. and Elizabeth (Decker) Clark, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was born in Marion county, that state, in January, 1832, a son of Garry and Salina (Holcomb) Clark, both natives of Hartford, Connecticut,

whence they removed to Marion county, Ohio, at an early day in the history of that state. There both passed to their reward. The father, who was a farmer and cabinet-maker by occupation, died in 1857, when over fifty-one years of age, as his birth occurred November 5, 1805. He was married in June, 1828, at Hartford, Connecticut. Both he and his wife were for many years members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he was for a long time superintendent of the Sunday school. His wife died in Columbus, Ohio, about 1901 at the age of ninety-four years.

Albert B. Clark was reared near Bucyrus, Ohio, and in 1854 came to Iowa, first locating in Marshall county. Shortly afterward he removed to Humboldt county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and where he erected two houses, one in town and the other upon his farm. After spending about a year there he returned to Ohio at the time of his father's death. On again coming to Iowa he made the trip alone and located in this county. He is a cabinet-maker, as was his father before him, and also a carpenter and joiner, and among other things has made many fine coffins. He was early convinced of the value of land and at different times has owned several hundred acres. He purchased a farm in this county soon after the Civil war and lived there for several years. He owned a residence in Knoxville and also one in the country, but for several years past has made his home with his son, Garry D., as he is eighty-three years of age. In addition to following his trade he engaged in the nursery business for a number of years, dealing especially in trees. He is a Methodist in religious faith and has conformed his life to the teachings of that faith. His personal habits have always been most exemplary as he has never smoked, chewed, used liquor in any form nor been profane in his language. His wife passed away on the 20th of February, 1886, on a farm in Knoxville township, when more than fifty years of age. To their union were born two sons: J. B., a farmer in Knoxville township; and Garry D., of this review.

Albert B. Clark cast his first ballot for the candidates of the whig party but in 1856, at the time of the organization of the republican party, he voted for John C. Fremont and has since given his allegiance to that organization. He served as road supervisor and acceptably discharged the duties devolving upon him in that connection. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church and has never departed therefrom, being a consistent member of the local church of that denomination.

Garry D. Clark was educated in the common schools of this county and after arriving at years of maturity he gave his time and

attention largely to the work of farming. In 1887 he bought one hundred acres five miles southwest of Knoxville and successfully operated it until 1907, when he retired to Knoxville and in 1910 he sold his farm. He has several residence properties in Knoxville which now require his time and attention as he leases them. He raised stock as well as cereals and was very successful in his undertakings, being progressive and energetic in his work.

In 1881, at Clinton, Vermilion county, Indiana, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Martha Shew, a native of Edgar county, Illinois, born in 1858, and a daughter of Joel and Lillie J. (Simpson) Shew. Her father was for many years engaged in the grocery business and her mother conducted a millinery shop. About 1863 they removed to Vermilion county, Indiana, and resided there during the remainder of their lives. The father eventually retired from the grocery business because of ill health. His parents were early residents of Indiana, removing there from North Carolina. His father preempted land which was rich in coal near the site of the town of Bunson. He was a native of Germany but came to America in young manhood. Joel Shew lived to be almost ninety years of age for he passed away March 25, 1906, and was born September 23, 1817. His wife survives and is seventy-four years of age as she was born in 1840. She is a member of the United Brethren church and highly esteemed in her community. They had three daughters and one son, namely: Mrs. Clark; William H., the owner of a meat market in Clinton, Indiana; Mrs. Thomas Campbell, the wife of one of the prominent men of Clinton, Indiana, who has extensive real-estate interests and is active in the Business Men's Association; and Mrs. Emma Van Gundy, a widow residing in Pittsburgh, Kansas. Her husband was an attorney and she was the successful candidate for the office of district clerk of Crawford county, Kansas, in the election of 1914. She is an expert stenographer and has considerable knowledge of legal forms.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been born two children. Mrs. Edith Brown is a widow and resides at home. She engaged in the millinery business at Harding, Nebraska, for a time, and for several years worked in stores in Knoxville. She has a son, Kenneth Brown, who was born in May, 1906, and is also living with Mr. and Mrs. Clark. Gertrude, the second daughter, is the wife of Earl Sutherland, of Knoxville, by whom she has a son, Corwin, born in 1909.

Mr. Clark is a republican and firmly supports the principles of that party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both he and his wife belong to the Rebekahs. Both of his

daughters are also members of the Rebekahs and the Pythian Sisters. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and take a great interest in the advancement of its work. Their home is at No. 422 Robinson street, and their friends often gather there and are hospitably welcomed.

GEORGE L. KING.

For an extended period George L. King was connected with agricultural pursuits but is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned rest. He is a native of Virginia, his birth having occurred in Wetzel county on the 1st of January, 1842. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (Wise) King, who were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively. They had twelve children, of whom five are yet living. It was in 1850 that the father brought his family to Marion county, settling near Harvey, where he began farming. Later he removed to Liberty township, where his remaining days were passed. As the years went on he carefully and systematically tilled his fields, becoming one of the substantial farmers of the community. He likewise engaged in raising stock. He passed away October 22, 1901, having for about three years survived his wife, who died in 1898, their remains being interred in Eureka cemetery. Mr. King was a democrat and was interested in matters of public moment, giving his support to the measures and movements which he deemed of worth to the community.

George L. King was educated in the public schools. He was one of twelve children, five of whom are yet living, and when about twenty years of age he enlisted in Company H, Seventeenth Iowa Infantry, with which he served from the 8th of March, 1862, until the close of hostilities in 1865. He was wounded at Champion's Hill, Mississippi, May 16, 1863, and after spending but three weeks in a hospital he rejoined his company and was on active duty throughout the remainder of the war. He participated in the first and second battles of Corinth and in other important engagements and was taken prisoner at Tilton, Georgia, after which he spent seven months of suffering in southern prison pens, mostly in Andersonville. When hostilities were over he was honorably discharged at Davenport and returned to the north. He certainly has every reason to be proud of his military record, for he never faltered in the performance of duty, whether on the lonely picket line or on the firing line.

On the 7th of October, 1866, Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Adeline Gullion and they became the parents of five children, of whom the first born, Isabel, is deceased. Those living are Maud, Elizabeth, John and Della. The wife and mother passed away October 27, 1880, and on the 24th of March, 1881, Mr. King wedded Samantha Gullion, who died in March, 1900. They had a family of six children, Jesse, Jeremiah, George, Annie, Clyde and Perry. All of the children are living with the exception of Clyde. On the 11th of February, 1903, Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Celestia Gause, a daughter of James and Marinda (Davis) Gause, who were residents of Marion county but now reside in Monroe county.

After his return from the war Mr. King began farming and has made that pursuit his life work. He also engaged in the raising of graded stock and was closely connected with agricultural interests in this county until 1886, when he sold his farm and went to the west, spending a number of years in Nebraska and Colorado. In 1894, however, he returned to Iowa and again resumed farming in Marion county, but after a few years he retired from active life and took up his abode in Hamilton, where he is now living. He is interested in political affairs but votes independently as he does not care to be bound by party ties. He belongs to the Christian Union church, and his life has been an honorable and upright one, so that he enjoys the goodwill and high regard of those with whom he has come in contact.

CHARLES M. HARRINGTON, M. D.

For the past fifteen years Dr. Charles M. Harrington has been a physician and surgeon of Knoxville and has built up a gratifying practice. He was born in this county, five miles east of Knoxville, in 1872, a son of Nathan and Mary (Smith) Harrington, both of whom have gone to their reward. His father was a native of Washington county, Ohio, and remained there until he attained his majority. He then came to Iowa and learned the milling business under Mr. Bussing, continuing to follow that trade throughout his active life. He resided in the country until the early '70s, when he removed to Knoxville, which city remained his home until his death, which occurred in April, 1911, when he was sixty-eight years of age. He invested to quite an extent in land and owned some excellent farm-

ing property. He was interested in the public welfare and exercised his right of franchise in support of the candidates and measures of the republican party but never desired office for himself. He was a member of the Congregational church, as was also his wife, and fraternally belonged to the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias. His parents came to this country from Ireland and located in Baltimore, Maryland, but his father, Ephraim Harrington, afterward took his family to the Northwest Territory, settling upon a land grant in Washington county, Ohio. The mother of Dr. Harrington was born in Crawford county, Ohio, near Dresden, and accompanied her father, John Smith, to Iowa in 1855, the family locating two miles east of Knoxville. Her mother had previously died in Ohio. Mr. Smith was a farmer and stockman and very successful in all of his undertakings. He secured large landholdings and was known as one of the representative men of the county. He passed away when about eighty years of age. Both he and his wife were Presbyterians. Mrs. Nathan Harrington died here in 1898, when fifty-one years of age. She was the mother of three children, one of whom died when four years of age and another in infancy, Dr. Harrington being the only survivor.

The last named was reared in Knoxville and has spent practically all of his life in this city. In 1891 he was graduated from the local high school and then for three years was in the employ of the Wabash Railroad at Des Moines and later with the Union Pacific Railway at Cheyenne, Wyoming. In 1895 he began the study of medicine, entering the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1899. He immediately returned to his home city and began practice. He has taken post-graduate courses, attending clinics at the Metropolitan Hospital, New York city, in 1903 and 1905. His offices are well located, being in the Odd Fellows building, and are completely appointed. He has gained a fine practice and has the respect of his colleagues in the profession as well as the confidence of the general public. He adheres strictly to the highest standard of professional ethics and is very conscientious in his treatment of cases, giving his patients the full benefit of his knowledge of the latest discoveries and developments in the field of medical science. He belongs to the county, tri-county and state medical societies and the American Medical Association. He has studied both allopathy and homeopathy and practices both schools.

Dr. Harrington married Miss Olive Kinkead, a native of this county and a daughter of the late Lemuel Kinkead, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Kinkead is still living and

resides with Dr. and Mrs. Harrington. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Congregational church and can be depended upon to aid in movements for the welfare of humanity and especially those whose object is the good of their community. The Doctor is a republican with progressive tendencies. Socially he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery at Knoxville and in the Shrine and consistory of Des Moines. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. His wife is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she is past worthy matron, and of the P. E. O. The Doctor is in his prime and has accomplished much in his busy life. He has the satisfaction of knowing that he is a factor in the advancement of his community and that his success cannot be measured entirely or even mainly by a monetary standard although he has gained financial prosperity.

MRS. VERNA MAE GOLDIZEN.

As the women of the country are perhaps the most vitally interested in the education of the children and as the elementary schools are largely taught by women it is fitting that the county superintendent should also be a woman and Mrs. Goldizen has fully demonstrated her fitness for this position, which carries with it responsibility for the advancement and efficiency of the public schools of the county. She was for many years a teacher and understands thoroughly the problems that confront the teacher and is thus able to advise wisely and to judge correctly of the value of the work done by those under her supervision. She has the faculty of securing the whole-hearted cooperation of the teachers of the county and of inspiring them to their best efforts.

Mrs. Goldizen was born in Warren county, this state, a daughter of S. I. and Jane (Turnipseed) Cassady, natives of Indiana and Ohio respectively. Her paternal grandfather was S. J. Cassady, of Barnesville, Ohio. After his death his widow remarried and brought her family to Warren county in 1853. S. I. Cassady was a farmer by occupation and was a veteran of the Civil war, enlisting in Company B, Thirty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in 1861 and remaining under arms until the close of the war. He passed away in 1902. His wife, who survives, is a daughter of Christopher and Maria Turnipseed, both natives of Virginia. She came to Iowa in 1854 and by

her marriage she became the mother of eleven children, the subject of this review being the third in order of birth.

Mrs. Goldizen attended the public schools in her childhood and early girlhood and subsequently was a student in Simpson College, Des Moines College and the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls. Her first teaching experience was gained at Summerset school, Iowa, and from 1895 to 1897 she was principal at Palmyra, Iowa. In 1901 she came to this county and was for seven years principal of schools in Harvey. At the expiration of that time she became principal of the Hamilton public schools and continued in that position for four years. In the fall of 1912 she was elected county superintendent of schools on the democratic ticket and took office January 1, 1913. The high standard of the schools of the county has been maintained and in a number of lines steps in advance have been taken, the work done comparing favorably with that of other counties of the state. The corps of teachers is very efficient and the parents manifest a willingness to cooperate for the good of the schools. Mrs. Goldizen is proving a capable leader of the educational forces, adapting new methods and new ideals to the needs of the different schools of the county. Not the least of her value to the public-school system is her ability to suggest to the teacher a means of overcoming a difficulty that has arisen in her work.

In 1897 she became the wife of J. M. Goldizen, of Warren county, Iowa, whose parents removed to this state from Indiana in 1855. Mr. Goldizen is a resident of Knoxville and is well known and respected. Mrs. Goldizen is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Rebekahs and the Woman's Relief Corps and takes a prominent part in all movements that have as their object the betterment of the community.

EUGENE DENNIS.

Eugene Dennis is now living retired at Pella, enjoying a leisure justly won by former years of industry and labor, when he gave his undivided attention to the duties of cultivating the fields and caring for stock. He was born at Peapack, New Jersey, on the 20th of May, 1846, a son of Anthony P. and Mary (Cole) Dennis.

Eugene Dennis entered the common schools of New Jersey upon arriving at school age and completed his education in his native state. In August, 1862, at the age of sixteen he enlisted as a drummer boy in

answer to the nine months' call by President Lincoln. He was with Company A, Thirtieth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and served until given his honorable discharge in June, 1863. He was at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and a number of other engagements. In March, 1867, when a young man of about twenty-one years, he came to Iowa, where his brother, George J. Dennis, had removed in 1866. Upon arriving in this state Mr. Dennis of this review began farming for himself and was so occupied continuously for more than three decades. He followed general farming and his knowledge of practical methods of agriculture made his efforts effective and the sale of his grain and stock brought him a gratifying return. He gained financial independence and in 1900 retired and removed to Pella, where he has since resided.

In July, 1865, Mr. Dennis married Miss Amanda Perry and of the children born to their union six survive: Mary, who married William Butts, of Pella; Charles, who married Mary Gruddes and is now living at Pella; Warren, who is also married and is a carpenter at Fort Dodge; Sherman, superintendent of bridges on the Minneapolis and Portal division of the "Soo" Line; Minnie, the wife of J. C. Largent, of Des Moines; and Bessie, the wife of Dr. Talbot, of Pella, a practitioner of veterinary medicine. The wife and mother was called to her last rest in February, 1900, and in 1903 Mr. Dennis married Mrs. Stomaker. He is fraternally affiliated with Albert Hobbs Post, No. 404, G. A. R., of which he is the commander. He owns two hundred and eighty acres of land in Missouri, the Dennis block in Pella and property in Harvey and is one of the well-to-do residents of the city. The number of his friends and the sincerity of their regard for him testify to the worth of his character and the probity of his life.

WILLIAM J. WILSON.

Marion county is fortunate in having county officials who are thoroughly competent and also conscientious in the discharge of their duties and one of the most efficient of these public servants is William J. Wilson, the present county treasurer. His position is one of great responsibility and one requiring the use of system and the exercise of accuracy. He has proven himself admirably fitted for the office and his constituents have had no reason to regret his election.

He was born on the 3d of September, 1863, in this county, a son of James T. and Mary M. (Brown) Wilson, natives of Ohio and Iowa respectively. The paternal grandfather, William Wilson, was also born in the Buckeye state. He subsequently removed to Iowa, locating in this county a few years after his arrival in the state. He was a farmer by occupation and was highly respected in his community. His son, James T., grew to manhood in this county and was here married to Miss Mary M. Brown, who came here from another part of Iowa in her girlhood. James T. Wilson passed away in 1884, but his widow survives and lives at Pleasantville. To them were born six children: Amanda, the widow of Marion Sexton and a resident of Pleasantville; Annette, who married James Peck and lives at Hartford, Kansas; Belle, the wife of Thomas Moore, a resident of Union county, Iowa; William J., of this review; Ida, the wife of William Miller and a resident of Indianola; and Thomas, who died when a child of eight years.

William J. Wilson received a common-school education and also became familiar with farming when a boy. He followed that occupation until 1888, or until he was twenty-five years of age, and then he and his mother removed to Pleasantville, taking up their residence there and renting the farm. He embarked in the general merchandise business in association with F. H. Spalte, but after a time sold his interest to his partner, though he remained in the latter's employ. In 1906 he was elected county sheriff, taking office in 1907, and he served in that capacity for two terms, proving resourceful and fearless in the preservation of the peace and the apprehension of criminals. At the expiration of his second term as sheriff he traveled for one year for the well known company of J. I. Case, manufacturers of threshing machines, and after that was employed for a year in Knoxville. In 1912 he was elected county treasurer and took office in January, 1913. The work devolving upon him, the collection of the taxes, the disbursing of public funds and the keeping account of all transactions has been accurately done and his record is one that reflects much credit upon his business ability. In November, 1914, Mr. Wilson was reelected, his second term beginning January 1, 1915.

In September, 1893, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss May McDaniel, a daughter of J. A. and Lettie (Clark) McDaniel. Her father was for many years a hardware merchant of Pleasantville but is now living retired. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born two children, Arlen J. and Beulah, both at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a democrat in his political belief. Fraternally he is a

member of Pleasant Lodge, No. 128, F. & A. M.; Pleasantville Lodge, No. 446, I. O. O. F.; and Wildey Encampment, No. 116, of the Odd Fellows; Pleasantville Lodge, No. 149, K. P.; and Ontario Tribe, No. 73, I. O. R. M. Both he and his wife belong to Knoxville Chapter, No. 85, O. E. S., and she is also a member of the Pythian Sisters. Both in private life and in an official capacity Mr. Wilson has always conformed his life to the highest standards of conduct and has proved highly capable and he has contributed to the general welfare and prosperity.

JOHN RIETVELD.

Among the extensive landowners of the county is John Rietveld, the owner of six hundred acres in Clay township. He was born at Noordeloos, Holland, on the 21st of January, 1844, a son of Jan and Dierke (Blokland) Rietveld, who three years later emigrated with their family to America. The father was one of the committee having charge of the affairs of the colony which settled at Pella. He located on the Des Moines river, near the present home of his son John, in August, 1847, and there he resided until his death, which occurred in 1859 when he was past fifty-five years of age. He became the owner of a half section of land, which was but slightly improved when it came into his possession and which he developed during the succeeding years. In addition to cultivating the soil he raised stock and was very successful in both lines of activity. He was a devout member of the Dutch Reformed church and was held in high esteem by those who knew him. His wife died in February, 1876, when more than seventy years old. She was also a member of the Dutch Reformed church. Ten of their children grew to maturity, but only two are now living, the subject of this review and a sister, Mrs. Langerak, who is the mother of the present clerk of Marion county. Three brothers of our subject, who were farmers, have now passed away and five of his sisters are also deceased.

John Rietveld attended the early subscription schools in this county when his services were not needed at home and received thorough training in the subjects taught at that time. He remained at home until 1864, when he was married, and then began his independent business career. He had practically no capital and began farming on shares. He saved as much as possible annually, as he had determined to purchase land, and when, upon the settling of his

father's estate, he received one thousand dollars, he added this sum to the thousand dollars that he had saved and purchased his first farm. Industry and economy enabled him to add other land and he now holds title to six hundred acres in the northwestern part of Clay township. He is an efficient agriculturist and his labors yield him a handsome income.

On the 28th of October, 1864, Mr. Rietveld was married to Miss Christina Van Loon, who was born in Woerden, Holland, on the 28th of July, 1843, a daughter of Gideon and Elizabeth Hendriene (Solsbergen) Van Loon. In June, 1849, she was brought by her parents to this country, the family home being established at Pella. Her father engaged in cultivating a small farm, which he purchased and improved, and he and his wife resided there until called to their reward, he in 1907 at the age of eighty-nine years, and she in 1899 when seventy-three years old. Both were consistent members of the Dutch Reformed church. All of their six children are still living, those besides Mrs. Rietveld being: James, Dierk, Gideon, Mrs. Mary Bogaard and Miss Elizabeth, who resides with her eldest brother, who is unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Rietveld have ten children: Delia; Mrs. Elizabeth Weirs; Mrs. Jennie Vanderwal; Mrs. Marie Sells; John and Gideon, both of whom are married; Mrs. Bertha De Young; and Cora, Katherine and Lois, all at home.

Mr. Rietveld is a staunch supporter of the measures and candidates of the republican party at the polls, believing firmly in the policies of that organization. Both he and his wife are active members of the Dutch Reformed church and their influence is always on the side of moral advancement. Mr. Rietveld deserves much credit for having achieved such a large measure of success and also is entitled to honor because of the unswerving integrity and uprightness of his daily life.

ERNEST J. S. DAVIS.

Ernest J. S. Davis came to this state in 1876 and resided here until his death, which occurred on the 22d of January, 1909. He was a general contractor and builder at Knoxville and erected many of the representative buildings of the city. He was born near the city of Coshocton, in Coshocton county, Ohio, in December, 1853, a son of James R. and Rachel (Kimball) Davis, of English and Welsh descent respectively. The father was born in Hertfordshire, Eng-

land, but came to the United States when a young man and settled in Ohio, where he farmed until his death. In his family were eight sons. The Kimballs are of Colonial stock, the American branch of the family being descended from a second son of a family of that name in England, who emigrated to America in pre-Revolutionary times. The family was represented in the war for independence and therefore its members are eligible to the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. The noted piano manufacturers are of the same family. Five of the eight sons born to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Davis are still living. Another, the late C. K. Davis, was for many years a resident of Knoxville and engaged in the grain and stock business. Before coming here he had lived in Idaho for some time and was very active in politics there, serving with credit in the state legislature.

Ernest J. S. Davis was educated at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and subsequently followed telegraphy. For a time he was employed by the old Pan Handle Railroad in Ohio in that capacity but on account of his health abandoned that work and engaged in contracting. In 1876 he came west, locating at Knoxville, Iowa, and remained here for more than three decades, building up a large business in his line and becoming known as a thoroughly reliable and successful contractor and builder. The houses which he erected stand as proof of his thoroughness and ability and testify to his life of activity and usefulness.

In 1882 Mr. Davis was married in Madison county, Iowa, to Miss Sarah T. McCleary, who was born in that county, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Yost) McCleary, who removed to Madison county from Ohio in pioneer times. The father went to California in 1849 and in 1852 took up his residence in this state. He was an extensive farmer, owning some five hundred acres of land, and was very successful in his agricultural pursuits. He was married in Coshocton county, Ohio, to Miss Mary Yost, who was born in Muskingum county, that state, and they reared eleven children. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born two children: Maude, at home, who is a graduate of the Knoxville high school; and Harry, a civil engineer, now with the Portland Cement Company with headquarters at Philadelphia. He travels through several states, acting as advisory engineer for the company. He received his technical training in the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts at Ames, being graduated from that institution with the class of 1909. For three years he was in the Philippines with the government engineering corps. He married a Miss Roberts, of Marathon, Iowa, also a

graduate of the college at Ames, and they have two children, Robert Kimball and Katherine, both of whom were born in the Philippines. The family now reside in Knoxville.

Mr. Davis of this review was a republican in his political views and his church membership was in the Methodist Episcopal church. His widow and children are also Methodists. Mrs. Davis and her daughter Maude reside at their home at No. 428 East Montgomery street, and have many friends who regard them highly. Energy, sound judgment and unswerving integrity characterized Mr. Davis throughout his life and not the least of the heritage that he left his children was a name honored and respected by all in his community.

THOMAS J. NEISWANGER.

Thomas J. Neiswanger is the secretary and treasurer of the Harvey Brick & Tile Company, doing business at Harvey, and as such occupies a leading position in business circles. He is a native of this state, his birth having occurred Aug. 18, 1873, upon a farm near Washington. He was one of nine children, six of whom are living, while three have passed away. Their parents were Samuel and Margaret (Thompson) Neiswanger, who were of German and Scotch descent, respectively. The mother has been called to her final rest but the father survives and makes his home with his son Thomas.

The last named started out in life on his own account when comparatively young. At the age of nineteen years he left home and learned the baker's trade, which he followed for a time but subsequently began dealing in building materials at Washington, Iowa. In April, 1904, he came to Marion county and organized the company and established the business now conducted under the name of the Harvey Brick & Tile Company. This concern has built up quite a wide and enviable reputation because of the quality of the "Harvey Block" and its products are shipped extensively over Iowa and nearby states. The business has been incorporated and is capitalized for twenty-one thousand dollars. It is today recognized as one of the substantial manufacturing concerns of the county and its patronage is growing year by year.

Mr. Neiswanger was married in Washington county, Iowa, January 17, 1894, to Miss Estella W. England, who was also born in Washington county, Iowa. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

G. W. England and her father is a retired farmer and an early settler of that county. She was graduated from the Washington high school and taught for a year before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Neiswanger are the parents of five children: Richard E., Samuel O., Gladys M., Everett A. and Thomas H. Politically Mr. Neiswanger is republican, though progressive. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic chapter and commandery at Knoxville and of the shrine at Des Moines, and Mrs. Neiswanger belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. He has also been a member of various other social orders. He is interested in public affairs and is one of the progressive men of his community. He stands at all times for advancement and improvement and his efforts have been an element in promoting public progress.

DANIEL HUNT.

Daniel Hunt was one of the well known pioneer settlers of Marion county and took a deep and helpful interest in the work of general improvement and development. He was born in New Jersey, near Jersey City, on the 5th of May, 1817, and had therefore passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey when he was called to his final rest December 24, 1900, his death occurring in Pleasantville, this county, where he had resided for four or five years after retiring from active business life.

Mr. Hunt was reared and educated in New Jersey and came to Iowa in 1840, making his way to Van Buren county, where he married Rachel Grooms. To them was born one son, John Hunt, who reached mature years but was killed while serving in the Civil war. The wife and mother passed away in the later '40s and in 1849 Daniel Hunt made the overland trip to California with ox teams, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast. He spent three years there and accumulated a sum of money in mining and in other lines of business. On the expiration of that period he returned to Marion county, where he invested his capital, buying considerable land. He had previously located on a small farm, on which he built a cabin, but sold this property before he went to California. Upon his return he took up his abode in a log cabin but afterward built a comfortable modern residence near Swan and occupied it for about forty years. He prospered in his undertakings and became one of the most extensive landowners of the county, having at one time thirteen hun-

dred acres. He was the pioneer breeder of thoroughbred Norman horses in this county or vicinity. He brought the first thoroughbreds here and he continued to engage in raising blooded stock until almost the time of his retirement from active business about 1896. He was very successful and became widely known through his activities as a farmer and stock dealer. He was also a man of good business ability, seeing clearly the possibilities of a situation and carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. Over thirty-five years ago, or about 1878, he owned land adjoining the Des Moines river in Swan township, at a point known as "the washout." Entirely at his own expense he made three attempts and was finally successful in constructing a permanent levee extending some three hundred yards at this point, a part of which was about ten feet high. Although the feasibility of his plan was more or less discredited then, time has proved the immense practical value of this work.

Following his return from California Mr. Hunt was married on the 24th of January, 1854, to Miss Caroline Vanderford, who was born in Athens, Ohio, May 7, 1831, a daughter of Eli and Barbara (Swaim) Vanderford, who were farming people and were residents of Athens county, where they lived until 1851. They then drove overland to Iowa, stopping first in Washington county, where they remained for eighteen months. At the end of that time they came to Swan township, Marion county, and the parents spent their remaining days here, Mrs. Vanderford departing this life in 1852, while Mr. Vanderford's death occurred in 1870, when he was sixty-six years of age. The Vanderfords were an old southern family, the grandfather, William Vanderford, removing from North Carolina to Ohio. The Swaim family came from Kentucky. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Vanderford were five daughters and one son. There was also a half-brother and of this family only one is now living—Zerry Vanderford, who makes his home at Indianola, Iowa. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hunt seven children were born, all of whom are yet living: Emerson, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume; Mrs. Isabel Richards, of Iola, Kansas; Leroy, a hardware and lumber merchant of Swan; Mrs. Anna F. Smith, also living in Swan; Mrs. Miranda Stewart, of La Junta, Colorado; W. R., a hardware merchant of Swan; and Mrs. Esta McIntyre, of Warren county, Iowa, who formerly owned the home place near Swan, but has recently sold it and purchased another farm.

For a long period Daniel Hunt figured prominently as a business man of Marion county. In early manhood he had fifteen hun-

dred dollars, which he invested in young cattle at eight dollars per head. On these he made money and he ultimately fed from one to three carloads of cattle per year, continuing the business until he began the breeding of Percheron horses. In all of his business affairs he was progressive, determined and energetic and he would allow no obstacle or difficulty to bar his path if it could be overcome by persistent and honorable effort. In his fraternal connections he was a Mason and was always true and loyal to the teachings of the craft after he became identified therewith. His was indeed a well spent life. At an early age he was left an orphan, had but limited educational opportunities and no particular advantages in other directions. He was both the architect and builder of his own fortunes and he builded wisely and well, winning success and at the same time shaping his character in such a manner that respect and confidence were given him in unstinted measure.

JACOB H. CAMP.

Marion county lost one of her pioneer settlers when Jacob H. Camp passed away on the 28th of January, 1884, upon his farm three-quarters of a mile west of Swan. He had long been identified with agricultural interests in that locality, where he owned and cultivated two hundred and eighty acres of land, and in addition he was the owner of a farm of one hundred and seventy acres southeast of the village. He had been a resident of Marion county since May, 1856, at which time he took up his abode on the border of Warren county. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1825, a son of Frederick and Rebecca (Carrier) Camp, who removed to Morrow county, Ohio, when their son Jacob was a small child and in 1856 came to Iowa. They were not long permitted to enjoy their new home, however, for both passed away about 1860.

Jacob H. Camp was an only child. He pursued his education in the schools of Ohio and in early manhood took up the profession of teaching, which he followed through several winter seasons after coming to Marion county. He inherited less than two thousand dollars from his father's estate and with that exception never had any financial assistance, making his own way unaided in the world and yet winning for himself a place among the men of affluence in his adopted county. Following his arrival in Marion county he purchased land and began the improvement of his farm and through

the intervening years to the time of his death remained a successful farmer and stock-raiser. He was always diligent, determined and persistent and by reason of his careful management and unfaltering industry won a very gratifying measure of success, becoming in time the owner of two excellent farms, comprising four hundred and fifty acres, near the village of Swan. As previously stated, the land was divided, his home place consisting of two hundred and eighty acres about three quarters of a mile west of the village of Swan, while the other tract of one hundred and seventy acres lay southeast of the town.

Mr. Camp was first married in the spring of 1851 to Miss Hephzibah Murray. She was born May 31, 1834, and died November 9, 1866, in the faith of the Dunkard church, of which she was a devout member. There were six children born of that marriage but three died in infancy, while three reached mature years, although but one is now living, Mrs. Emma De Veny of Swan township. A son, John Camp, died June 8, 1889, and a daughter, Ella, passed away in 1876. The Murray family was established in this county in pioneer times, for Edward and Elizabeth Murray, the parents of Mrs. Hephzibah Camp, arrived here in 1850.

On the 18th of August, 1867, Jacob H. Camp was united in marriage to Mrs. Martha E. Murray, née Smith, widow of Samuel D. Murray, who was a brother of Mr. Camp's first wife. Samuel D. Murray was born February 24, 1836, in Ohio, and passed away on his farm near Swan, May 22, 1862. In 1859 he had wedded Martha E. Smith and to them were born two children, one of whom died in infancy, while the other is Mrs. Luella Goss, a widow with two children, now living on a claim in Montana. To Mr. and Mrs. Camp were born four children. Jacob H., residing at Miles City, Montana, is a forest ranger in the employ of the government. He is married and has four children. Lizzie is the wife of Oscar Whaley, a son of Wilson Whaley, of Clay township, Marion county. They now reside at Mountain View, California, where Mr. Whaley is assistant cashier of a bank. They have one son who is twenty years of age. Anna, the next of the family, died July 18, 1888, at the age of sixteen years. Wilbur, residing in Santa Clara county, California, is the cashier of a bank at Mountain View, although he was in the railway mail service for several years. His education was acquired at Highland Park College in Des Moines and he entered the army as a member of Company B, Fifty-first Iowa Infantry, and went to the Philippines, serving throughout the Spanish-American war. He then returned home and reentered the railway mail service, run-

ning between Burlington and Omaha and a part of the time to Chicago over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Later he resigned and organized a bank at Mountain View, California, of which he is the cashier and active manager. He is still the owner of a farm near Swan. He has a wife and two children.

Mr. Camp was a democrat in his political views and held some local offices. He read law in his younger days and although he never practiced, his knowledge of the law proved of benefit to him in the conduct of his business affairs. He was reared in the Dunkard faith and afterward became a member of the church. He was highly esteemed throughout the community and enjoyed the warm regard and friendship of many with whom he came in contact. His business integrity was above question and in all of his business dealings he was found thoroughly reliable. There were substantial elements in his character that gained him high regard and his memory is yet cherished by many who knew him while he was still an active factor in the world's work. Since her husband's death Mrs. Camp has built her present comfortable home in Swan, where she has resided for the past sixteen years. For a number of years she was a member of the United Brethren church but of later years has observed the seventh day Sabbath.

EMERSON HUNT.

Emerson Hunt, a farmer and stockman, owns and cultivates three hundred and twenty-three acres of land on sections 16, 17, 20 and 21, Swan township, his residence being on section 21, not far from the old homestead farm which for many years was occupied by his parents. For a considerable period he engaged extensively in the breeding of Norman horses but now confines his attention to the breeding of cattle and hogs and to the raising of grain. He owns the land upon which his birth occurred on the 28th of October, 1854, his parents being Daniel and Caroline (Vanderford) Hunt. The latter is now living in Swan at the age of eighty-three years but the former has passed away. Extended mention is made of them on another page of this work.

Emerson Hunt remained at home until twenty-two years of age, or until 1876, when he was united in marriage with Miss Georgia Beitzell, who was born in Marion county, near Wheeling, July 27, 1857, a daughter of George C. and Keziah (Mills) Beitzell, who

were early residents of this county. Both were natives of Indiana, the latter born near Greencastle. They were reared in the Hoosier state and as young people came to Iowa, their marriage being celebrated at Hartford, Warren county, on the 3d of July, 1855. Soon afterward they removed to Wheeling, Iowa, where Mr. Beitzell conducted a blacksmith shop, following that business throughout the remainder of his life. He died in October, 1900, when about seventy-five years of age. He served as a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting at Red Rock, and for three years was with the cavalry forces, during which time he participated in many hotly contested engagements and thus aided in winning the victory which finally crowned the Union arms. He was a member of the Grand Army post at Milo, Warren county, and he and his wife were faithful and consistent members of the Christian church. His widow survived him for about three years and died in 1903 at Waterloo, at the age of seventy-one years, her last days being spent in the home of her daughter. In their family were eight children, all born in Marion county, and seven are yet living: Mrs. Hunt; Edward, a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska; John and Orville, who are living in Warren county; Kate, the wife of J. W. Myers, of Idaho; Laura A., who married Leroy Hunt; Charles, living in Swan; and Mrs. Ida May McDaniel, who died in 1894. She, too, had been a resident of Swan.

Mrs. Hunt was reared in this county and attended the public schools. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children. Chester C., the eldest, wedded a Miss Brewer, of Des Moines, by whom he has six children. He now follows farming in Swan township. Elsie is the wife of F. L. Beck, of Des Moines, who is interested in coal mines. Mabel is the wife of W. E. Wellons, of Dallas, who is principal of the schools, and they have three children. May married C. G. Farr, a traveling salesman residing in Des Moines, and they have two children. Roy E., who is associated with his father in carrying on the home farm, married Miss Hazel Newman and they have two children. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have thirteen grandchildren and all were at home on Thanksgiving day of 1914—an interesting family reunion.

Emerson Hunt was reared to farm life and has always carried on agricultural pursuits. He built his present fine residence about thirty years ago and he also has two other residences upon the farm. He has worked on persistently and energetically in the development and improvement of his place and has won success by close application, persistency of purpose and careful management. For years he was one of the successful breeders of Norman horses but at the pres-

ent time is concentrating his efforts upon the raising of cattle and hogs and the production of grain. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served in several township offices. He is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship yet his foremost interest is his farm, which enables him to provide well for his family. He is today one of the men of affluence in Swan township, where he has always lived, being numbered among the worthy pioneer citizens.

ARNOLDUS KUYPER.

No one has figured more prominently or honorably in connection with the business interests and upbuilding of Pella than Arnoldus Kuyper and no history of this section of the state would be complete without extended reference to him and the important work which he did along the lines of general improvement and advancement. He was born August 7, 1863, in Pella, a son of Peter and Jannegje (Doedyns) Kuyper, who emigrated from Holland to the new world. He attended school only to the age of twelve years and was then compelled to put aside his studies and assist in the support of the family by teaming. He hauled coal, ice and other commodities and afterward for many years worked for H. Rhynsburger. He gathered cream and eggs all over Marion county and thus he formed a wide acquaintance which proved of value to him in later years, for the public had come to know him as a reliable, energetic, industrious business man, not afraid of work and employing progressive ideas in all that he did.

At length, through careful economy and industry, Mr. Kuyper accumulated a capital sufficient to enable him to engage in business on his own account and he opened a lumber yard in 1893. From the outset the undertaking prospered. He ever recognized that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement and he always adhered to the old axiom that honesty is the best policy. In addition to conducting a lumber business he became a stockholder and vice president of the Citizens National Bank and of the Garden City Feeder Company, a director in the Pella Creamery Company, a stockholder in the Huttig Manufacturing Company at Muscatine, Iowa, a director in the Pella Overall Company, and a director in the Pella Plumbing & Heating Company. In fact, there were few enterprises of importance at Pella with which he was not identified to a greater or less

degree. He had various smaller interests than those already mentioned and he also owned considerable valuable farming land and timber tracts in Canada. His investments were ever judiciously made and his unfaltering perseverance was a most salient factor in the attainment of success. He brooked no obstacle that could be overcome by persistent, earnest and honorable effort and he builded his prosperity upon the sure foundation of industry.

On the 27th of November, 1890, at Pella, Mr. Kuyper was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louise Neyenesch, a daughter of Herman and Anne Maria Neyenesch, who came from Holland. Her father was for several years a schoolmaster and later became proprietor and editor of Pella's Weekblad, a Holland paper, and The Blade, published in English. To Mr. and Mrs. Kuyper were born three sons, Peter H., Julian A. and Louis A.

In his political views Mr. Kuyper was a democrat and supported the party at national elections, but on local questions voted independently. He was serving as alderman at large of Pella at the time of his death and he was a trustee of Central University. He passed away December 6, 1910, when in the prime of life, after a seven weeks' siege of typhoid. Starting out in life with a very limited education and penniless, he became one of the prosperous residents of his town, widely recognized as one of the leading and most highly respected men of his community. At the time of his death he had amassed a considerable fortune and his life and conduct suffered no reproach. His path was never strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes, for he always used constructive measures in the conduct of his business and as the years went on gained the sure reward of earnest, honest effort, his native talent and ability gaining for him the prominence which he enjoyed.

LEROY HUNT.

Leroy Hunt has served as a member of the board of county supervisors and for many years was engaged in farming in Marion county, but in the spring of 1914 sold his farm property and embarked in merchandising in Swan as a dealer in general hardware, implements and lumber. Already he has built up a gratifying trade in this connection and devotes almost his entire attention to the business. However, he is the vice president and one of the stockholders of the Swan Savings Bank.

Mr. Hunt is a native son of Marion county. His birthplace was an old log cabin on the home farm of his father, the late Daniel Hunt, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. His natal day was September 2, 1858, and he remained upon the old homestead until he started out in the business world on his own account. For a long period he owned and cultivated a farm of two hundred and four acres about a mile east of the old home place and made a specialty of the breeding and raising of Percheron horses, as did his father. He continued as a stock breeder until he sold out in order to embark in the hardware business. He has the largest establishment of the kind in the village. The business was established by J. S. Bellamy and conducted later by a Mr. Ackenberry, while subsequently the business was taken over by Mr. Seglar, of the Seglar Lumber Company, and in time became the property of the O'Dell Lumber Company, from whom Mr. Hunt purchased the business in 1914. He now conducts his interests under the name of the Swan Lumber Company. His trade is large and extends over parts of Marion and Warren counties. He employs from two to four men and his stock and building represent an investment of about twenty thousand dollars. As a stock-raiser and farmer he was energetic and progressive. He ever kept his fields in a high state of cultivation and his place always presented a neat and thrifty appearance.

On the 3d of July, 1881, Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Miss Laura A. Beitzell, a sister of Mrs. Emerson Hunt, who is also mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Laura A. Hunt was born in Marion county, was here reared and was educated in the public schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have been born eight children. Mrs. Maude Stradley, a widow who resides at Swan, has five children. Her husband, the late William Stradley, was a prominent stockman and was killed by lightning in Oklahoma. W. S., the next member of the family, is at home. Bess is the wife of O. S. O'Dell, a lumberman at Beach, Warren county, and they have one child. Edwin, who follows farming near Salem, Marion county, is married and has one child. Clare is the wife of C. C. Hooper, who is associated with her father in business, and they have one child. Orville and Oral are twins. The former is at home and the latter is the wife of Roland Freel, of Chariton, by whom she has one child. Lizzie completes the family.

Politically Mr. Hunt is a republican and has always given his support to the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has always taken part in local politics and has filled various township offices beside being for six years a member of the board

of county supervisors of Marion county. He is a charter member of Riverside Lodge, No. 478, I. O. O. F., which he aided in organizing, and he and his wife are connected with the Rebekahs. He has a wide acquaintance in this county, in which he has always lived. It is not difficult for him to make friends because he is easy of approach and because he is considerate of the feelings and wishes of others. His life is guided by straightforward principles and in all of his business dealings he has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of another.

STEPHANUS DE KOCK.

Marion county owes its agricultural development in no small measure to its citizens of Holland birth or descent, among which number is Stephanus De Kock, whose birth occurred at Gelderland, in the Netherlands, December 14, 1838. For a long period he was closely associated with agricultural interests in this section and is now living retired at Pella. His parents, John and Antonia (Van Arendonk) De Kock, were farming people of the Netherlands and in 1856 crossed the Atlantic to America, making their way to Marion county. They established their home upon a farm near Pella and there reared their family of six children, three of whom are yet living: John, a resident of Pella; Arie, living in Jasper county; and Stephanus.

The last named acquired a common-school education in his native country and when in his eighteenth year accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. He began farming on his own account in Mahaska county, Iowa, in 1865 and there remained for thirty-seven years, or until 1902, when he retired and took up his abode in Pella. As the years passed on he brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and added many modern improvements to his farm. Moreover, the careful management of his business affairs added to his diligence and determination brought to him a very substantial measure of success and he is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned rest. He is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and thirty-six acres in Mahaska county and, although now seventy-six years of age, he still gives personal supervision to the property.

Before Mr. De Kock began farming on his own account he had served for three years as a soldier of the Civil war, having been a

member of Company G, Thirty-third Iowa Infantry. With that command he went to the front, participating in a number of engagements, and was wounded at the battle of Saline River. At the close of the war he returned home, began his farming operations, and on the 1st of January, 1867, was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Van Zee, a daughter of S. Van Zee, and they have become the parents of nine children: Antonia, the wife of A. De Gest, a resident farmer of Marion county; Stephen S., who married Minnie Tyselling and is engaged in farming in Mahaska county; Julia, the widow of Frank Adair, who was a farmer of the same county; John F., who married Hattie De Jong and is a resident farmer of Sioux county; Artie, who carries on farming in Mahaska county; Cornelia Marie, the wife of Rev. Muller, of West Saville, Long Island; Rebecca, at home; David A., living in Sioux county, Iowa; and Harry B., at home.

The parents are members of the First Reformed church, in which Mr. De Kock has served as deacon for nine years. His political allegiance is given the republican party and he was a member of the board of supervisors of Mahaska county from 1894 until 1898. He acted as school director in Black Hawk township, Mahaska county, for many years and the cause of education found in him a stalwart champion. He belongs to John Hobbs Post, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. While born across the water it was soon evident that he was becoming thoroughly American in his ideas and proof of this was seen in his service as a soldier in the Civil war. He has always been interested in the welfare and upbuilding of the community in which he makes his home and wherever known he is esteemed for his genuine worth.

FRANK D. ELLIOTT.

Frank D. Elliott, devoting his attention to general farming and stock-raising, owns and cultivates one hundred acres of land in Knoxville township, upon which he has made many improvements, bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation. Marion county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred March 6, 1862, in the township in which he still makes his home. He is a son of J. C. and Ludema R. (Johnson) Elliott. The father was born in Ohio and was a son of Robert Elliott, who died when J. C. Elliott was quite small. The latter was reared by his maternal

grandfather and in the year 1857 or 1858 removed westward to Iowa, settling in Knoxville township, Marion county, where he followed farming successfully until he retired some years ago. He is now living in the city of Knoxville at the age of seventy-five years.

Although not a member, J. C. Elliott usually attends the Presbyterian church, and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has stanchly supported since attaining his majority. His wife was born in what is now West Virginia, not far from Wheeling. She held membership in the Presbyterian church and in that faith passed away in January, 1899, when sixty-eight years of age. Her mother and stepfather, S. Henry, came to this county prior to the Civil war, but it was in Ohio that Ludema R. Johnson became the wife of J. C. Elliott. All of their children, however, were born in this county, namely: Walter, who is now living in the city of Oklahoma; Evy, of Des Moines; Amanda, a resident of Knoxville; Mrs. Mary Dickerson, also of Knoxville; and Frank D., of this review.

Frank D. Elliott was reared upon the old homestead farm and attended the public schools, dividing his time between the acquirement of an education and the work of the fields. He has always followed farming and stock-raising and has been very successful. Indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature. He works persistently and energetically in the care of his fields, practices rotation of crops and keeps his land in excellent condition.

On the 3d of October, 1883, Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Rosa E. Owen, who was born in Ottumwa, Wapello county, Iowa, March 1, 1862, a daughter of William and Caroline (Rowel) Owen, who came to Iowa prior to the Civil war. The mother died in Des Moines and the father now resides in Knoxville at the age of eighty-five years. Many years ago he lived in Des Moines, where he engaged in teaming, and later he carried on general farming in Knoxville township. In the Owen family were four children: Mrs. Elliott; Mrs. Louisa Johnson, living in Des Moines; A. C., a resident of Seattle, Washington; and Mrs. Matilda Ricks, of Oklahoma City. Having lost his first wife Mr. Owen wedded Mrs. Mary McClain, and they have three children: Mrs. Effie Harmon, of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Mrs. Gertie Elliott, of Knoxville; and Claude, who is living at Dallas Center, Iowa. By her former marriage Mrs. Owen had one child, Marion, now of this county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have been born four children: Mrs. Eva Rees, of Franklin township; Ray, of Knoxville, who married Eva West and has two children; Mrs. Lena Cline, of Knoxville

township, who has two children; and Everett, who died when ten years old. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and are people of the highest respectability, enjoying the warm regard and friendship of all who know them.

Fraternally Mr. Elliott is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he is a republican and has served as road supervisor. He has also been a member of the school board and is interested in various plans and projects for the upbuilding and benefit of the county in which his entire life has been spent. His friends, and they are many, know him as a man of genuine worth and his popularity is well deserved.

JACKSON D. ROGERS.

Jackson D. Rogers is extensively engaged in farming in Indiana township, an excellent property of three hundred and forty acres on section 17 paying tribute to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He was born in this county July 21, 1868, his parents being Benjamin and Mary E. (Ruffner) Rogers, both of whom were natives of Indiana and came to Iowa in 1864, taking up their abode upon a farm which is now the home of their son, J. D. Rogers. The father converted the land into rich and productive fields and lived upon this place until 1890, when he removed to Knoxville, where his remaining days were passed, his death there occurring in 1905. His widow survives and has now reached the age of seventy-six years. In their family were two children but the elder, Rozella, is now deceased.

J. D. Rogers remained under the parental roof during the period of his boyhood and youth and attended the district schools through the winter seasons, while the summer months were devoted to farm work. After reaching adult age he started out in life on his own account by renting the old home farm and after two years he purchased the property. Today he is the owner of three hundred and forty acres of rich and valuable land on section 17, Indiana township, which is all splendidly improved. In the midst of the place stands a comfortable residence and in the rear of this are good barns and outbuildings that furnish ample shelter to grain and stock. All around stretch the broad fields that annually produce good harvests as a reward for the progressive methods of the owner. Mr. Rogers makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock in connection with the

cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and his stock-raising, like his farming, is bringing to him gratifying financial returns.

In 1890 Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Ida Whitlatch, a native of this county and a daughter of George and Rachel Ann Whitlatch, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Rogers took up the profession of school-teaching in early womanhood and was thus engaged for four terms. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are members of the Methodist Protestant church and are much interested in its work, aiding in the extension of its influence. Mr. Rogers votes with the republican party but has never filled political office. He is interested in community affairs, however, and is now serving for the thirteenth year as a member of the school board, in which connection he has done much to further the interests of education. He has spent his entire life in this county and is widely known, particularly in Indiana township, where high regard is entertained for him by all with whom he has been brought in contact.

PETER HERMAN KUYPER.

The name of Kuyper has become a prominent and honored one in business circles in Pella and a spirit of enterprise actuates him whose name introduces this review in the conduct of important business affairs. It is true that he entered into connection with business interests already established, but he is enlarging these and in their control displays keen discernment. He was born in Pella, September 24, 1891, a son of Arnoldus and Mary Louise (Neyenesch) Kuyper, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

In the acquirement of his education Peter H. Kuyper passed through consecutive grades to the public schools until graduated from the Pella high school on the 6th of June, 1909. He afterward attended Central University of Pella, but had to abandon his studies at the beginning of the sophomore year on account of the death of his father. He then took up the management of the lumber yard and the supervision of all other financial interests left by his father and thus he has become actively connected with the lumber trade, with the Garden City Feeder Company, the Pella Creamery Company, the Pella Overall Company, the Pella Plumbing & Heating Company and the Citizens National Bank of Pella. The estate left

by the father brought to the family large landed and timber interests in Canada, all of which are now under the supervision and control of Mr. Kuyper, who, since his father's death, has been elected a director of the Garden City Feeder Company and of the Pella Creamery Company. He is also a trustee of Central University, a member of the Second Reformed church of Pella, and is deeply interested in the educational, social and moral as well as in the material progress of his native city.

MYLES HARKIN.

Myles Harkin owns and farms eighty acres of good land situated on section 9, Union township, and the improvements upon the place are all due to him. He was born at Boone, Boone county, Iowa, on the 20th of May, 1869, a son of Owen and Margaret (Burke) Harkin. The father was born in Dewitt, Clinton county, Iowa, in 1840, of Irish descent. His mother is still living in Dewitt at the remarkable age of one hundred and four. Margaret (Burke) Harkin was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1845 and passed away on the 23d of January, 1907. Her marriage occurred in Clinton county, this state, and she became the mother of ten children, of whom the subject of this review is the second in order of birth. Shortly after her marriage she removed with her husband to Boone county, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming for a number of years. The family home was afterward established at Fort Dodge and Owen Harkin now resides in Lucas county. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he believes firmly in the wisdom of its policies.

Myles Harkin was educated in Fort Dodge and in Coalville and remained at home until twenty-three years of age. He then began farming on his own account and in 1896 came to this county, where he rented a quarter section for about one year. In 1897 he took up his abode upon his present farm of eighty acres, renting the property until he had accumulated sufficient capital to purchase it. This is situated on section 9, Union township, and is one of the well improved small farms of the county. Mr. Harkin is well known as a breeder of full blooded Duroc Jersey hogs and has one hundred and forty head that are registered. His stock-raising interests bring him in a good income annually and his assets are constantly increasing. He also breeds Barred Plymouth Rock chickens and finds this a profitable side line.

On the 17th of February, 1896, Mr. Harkin was united in marriage with Miss Juda M. Hyer, a daughter of W. E. and Elizabeth (Benson) Hyer, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Her mother was born in Highland county, Ohio, February 8, 1840, and died on the 2d of April, 1909. Mrs. Harkin is the seventh in order of birth of the nine children born to her parents. She is a native of this county and her natal day was September 23, 1871. She attended the public schools of the county in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until she became the wife of Mr. Harkin. To their union have been born three children: Hazel Gertrude, whose birth occurred on the 17th of June, 1902, is a student in the eighth grade and has a diploma from the county for regular attendance in school. William Owen, born January 5, 1909, is also attending school. Wilbur De Wayne, the youngest member of the family, was born December 31, 1913.

Mr. Harkin is a democrat in his political allegiance and he has served a number of times as a delegate to county conventions. He is also president of the school board and township trustee. His fraternal affiliation is with Pleasantville Lodge, No. 128, A. F. & A. M., and the Royal Arch Chapter at Knoxville. His record as a man and as a citizen is free from any taint of dishonor or suspicion and all who know him respect and esteem him.

D. C. GATES.

D. C. Gates is a general merchant of Swan, where he has conducted business since 1902. His residence in this county dates from 1869, although he was first here in 1866. Later he resided in Warren county for two years. His birth occurred in Rock Island county, Illinois, on the 29th of July, 1858. His grandparents were John and Mary Ann (Schoonover) Gates, who removed to Iowa in 1859, accompanied by their grandson, D. C. Gates. In the fall of 1866 they came to Marion county. The grandfather was a farmer of Swan township, where he continued to engage actively in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1898, when he was more than ninety years of age. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church, and their lives were in consistent harmony with its teachings.

D. C. Gates has a half-brother and a half-sister, Mrs. Nellie Jordan and Burr Shook, of Swan. He was reared in his grand-

parents' home and attended the common schools. He early became familiar with farm work and followed that pursuit for a time in early manhood but later began clerking, to which he devoted one year. He later embarked in general merchandising at Swan and has since devoted his entire attention to that business. He has a well appointed general store and the stock which he carries and the honorable methods which he has followed have brought him substantial success in its conduct.

In 1901 Mr. Gates was united in marriage to Miss Evelyn Bramhall, a native of Warren county and a daughter of the late Harry Bramhall, of Indianola. Mrs. Gates was reared in Warren county and for nine years was an able and successful teacher in the schools of Warren and Pottawattomie counties. Mr. and Mrs. Gates have reared two adopted children, Clyde and Clara, twins, now fifteen years of age.

Mr. Gates is a republican, and fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows of Swan, while his wife is identified with the Rebekah degree. They are well known in Swan and the hospitality of the best homes is freely and cordially extended them. They have many friends whom they in turn delight to entertain.

J. F. MENTZER.

J. F. Mentzer is well known in Marion county as one who for a number of years has been in public office and at all times has discharged his duties in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents. On the 1st of January, 1903, he was appointed postmaster of Knoxville by President Roosevelt and has since occupied that position, making an excellent record in office.

Mr. Mentzer was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, on the 31st of August, 1863, and is a son of Cyrus and Nancy (Erb) Mentzer. The father was born in Pennsylvania, as was his father, Jacob Mentzer, who came of Pennsylvania-Dutch ancestry. The mother was a daughter of Abraham Erb, of Ohio, and it was in Indiana that she gave her hand in marriage to Cyrus Mentzer. After living for some time in Kosciusko county, Indiana, they removed in 1873 to Pleasantville, Iowa, where Mr. Mentzer engaged in business as a contractor and builder. In later life he took up his abode in Knoxville, where he passed away in 1912. His wife survives. She holds membership in the Methodist church, of which Mr. Mentzer was also a loyal

adherent, and he belonged likewise to the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In their family were five children: Ida A., the wife of W. E. Johnson, a resident of Kansas; Ellis, who was engaged in the commission business and died in New York city in 1898; J. F., of this review; Salome E., the wife of Dr. M. C. L. Wright, of Des Moines; and W. C., who is judge of the district court at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

J. F. Mentzer was a lad of ten summers when his parents brought their family to Iowa, since which time he has made his home in Marion county. His education, begun in Indiana, was continued in the public schools of Pleasantville and he engaged in farming in early manhood until twenty-four years of age, after which he turned his attention to the harness business in Pleasantville, continuing in that line for five years. In 1895 he was called to public office, being elected sheriff of Marion county, to which position he was reelected, serving for four years. He has the distinction of being the first republican sheriff ever reelected in the county, a fact indicative of the faithfulness and capability with which he discharged the duties of the position. On the 1st of January, 1903, appointment of President Roosevelt made him postmaster of Knoxville and he has since remained in the office, carefully and systematically directing the care of the mails and their distribution.

On the 23d of November, 1885, Mr. Mentzer was married to Miss Mollie Spalti, who was born in Denver, Colorado, a daughter of F. F. and Sarah (Caffrey) Spalti. The father, a farmer by occupation, was a native of Canton Glaras, Switzerland, and in 1848, when nine years of age, came to the United States with his father, Fridolin Spalti, who located near Pleasantville, Iowa, where he entered government land. F. F. Spalti remained in Denver for only two years, after which he returned with his family to Marion county. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Mentzer had three brothers who came to the United States, Henry, John and Yost. Henry and Yost removed to California, while John became a merchant of Pleasantville, where he also filled the office of postmaster. F. F. Spalti, a brother of Mrs. Mentzer, is now a retired farmer, having for many years carried on agricultural pursuits and therein won a measure of success that now enables him to rest from further labor.

Mr. and Mrs. Mentzer have become the parents of two children: Roche A., who was graduated from the State University at Iowa City in 1913, having completed the law course, since which time he has engaged in practice as an attorney of Knoxville; and L. Cleaves, at home. In politics Mr. Mentzer has always been a stalwart repub-

lian and no one is in doubt as to his position, for he stands firmly by his convictions. He has belonged to Oriental Lodge, A. F. & A. M., since 1897 and he likewise has membership with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, having held all the chairs in the local organizations of the two last named and having also been a member of the grand lodge of both. He was likewise the first presiding officer in the camp of the Red Men at Pleasantville. His wife attends the Presbyterian church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mentzer are widely and favorably known in this county and have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

JAMES WILLIAM HUNT.

James William Hunt for the past seven years has been operating the stock yards at Knoxville but still owns his valuable farm of two hundred acres situated in Washington township. His birth occurred on the 30th of November, 1857, and his parents were Jefferson and Jane (Bellamy) Hunt. The former was born probably in Illinois in 1837, a son of William and Nancy (England) Hunt, who brought their family to this county about 1844 and located in Washington township, where the father entered land from the government. William Hunt spent the greater part of the remainder of his life in this county and devoted his time to farming. He was a soldier of the Mexican war and was highly esteemed by those who knew him. He passed away in 1880. He and his family were members of the Methodist Protestant church. His wife, who was born in Washington county, Tennessee, on the 25th of May, 1813, accompanied her parents to Illinois when a girl of fifteen. In December, 1831, her marriage to William Hunt was celebrated and they became the parents of fifteen children, all of whom have passed away save three, Mrs. Ann Chismore, Mrs. Frank Chismore and Louisa Pershall. The mother joined the Methodist Episcopal church when a young woman but after 1865 held membership in the Methodist Protestant church, uniting with that congregation at Gosport, this county. She died March 4, 1908, at the remarkable age of ninety-four years, nine months and eight days. She lived to be the oldest resident of Marion county, if not of the state of Iowa. At her death she left descendants to the fifth generation.

Jefferson Hunt, the father of our subject, was but a child when he accompanied his parents to this county and was here reared to

manhood. He served for three years in the Civil war, being a member of Company F, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was fortunate enough to go through the war without being wounded. He was a farmer by occupation and the last ten years of his life were spent in Knoxville in retirement from the duties and responsibilities of business. His death occurred on the 14th of October, 1912. Politically he was a democrat and fraternally he belonged to J. C. Ferguson Post, No. 49, G. A. R. His first wife, the mother of our subject, passed away in 1861, when her son was very small. She was married in 1854, when a girl of sixteen, to Mr. Hunt and they became the parents of four children: Linnie, who died in infancy; James William; and Luella and Lucille, twins. The last named died in infancy, and Luella is the wife of F. M. Wood, of Dallas, Iowa. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Jefferson Hunt was united in marriage on the 30th of July, 1862, to Miss Anna Maria Whitesell, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, on the 28th of August, 1839. She became the mother of twelve children, of whom nine survive, and at the time of her death had one great-grandchild. In early life she belonged to the Methodist Protestant church but subsequently transferred her membership to the Congregational church. She died June 12, 1910, when nearly seventy-two years of age.

James W. Hunt was reared in this county and has always resided here with the exception of about two years. After his marriage, which occurred in 1878, he began farming on his own account and continued to operate his place of two hundred acres of fine land in Washington township until 1907. He was successful as an agriculturist but in the year mentioned decided to rent his land and engage in business in Knoxville. He has since devoted his time to the management of the stock yards at that place and in addition to operating the scales and looking after the placing of the animals in pens and the loading of them into cars he also buys and sells many head annually. He understands the good points of stock and his judgment of an animal is seldom at fault. Under his direction the stock yards serve well their purpose and the farmers of the surrounding country are sure of fair treatment from Mr. Hunt when they bring their stock for shipment.

Mr. Hunt was married on Christmas day, 1878, to Miss Sarah Ellen Samson, who was born in September, 1862, at Gosport, this county, the only child of Levi J. and Johanna (Crowley) Samson. Her father was born in Missouri and married in Gosport, this county. He was a soldier in the Civil war, being enrolled in Company A,

Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and died in the service in 1863. In 1867 his widow married William Agan, who was born October 28, 1838, in Orange county, Indiana, and when a lad of ten years accompanied his parents to this county. He fought in the Civil war as a member of Company F, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was a farmer by occupation and was a member of the Methodist Protestant church. He passed away November 30, 1908, when a little over seventy years of age. His widow survives and lives upon the home farm, at the age of seventy years. To their union were born ten children, seven of whom are living, the greater part of them being residents of this state. Mrs. Hunt was reared in Marion county and educated in the common schools. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children, as follows: Mrs. Earl Abbott, who resides near Dallas, this county, and is the mother of two children, Beulah and Adda; Clyde; Cecil, who married Miss Tekla Johnson and is assisting in the operation of the home farm; Mrs. J. C. Meyers, who resides in Knoxville and has an infant daughter, Wilda Mae; and Mrs. Henry Little, whose husband is engaged in business in Knoxville.

The mother and children are members of the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Hunt owns his comfortable residence on Kent street and still holds title to his farm of two hundred acres in Washington township. He is ranked as one of the substantial business men of Knoxville and has many staunch friends.

JACOB D. HARSIN.

Among the prosperous farmers and stockmen of Marion county is Jacob D. Harsin, the owner of three hundred and nine acres of fine land in Clay township, who was born in that township, two miles north of Durham, on the 26th of February, 1856, a son of the late G. W. Harsin, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. When he reached a suitable age he entered the public schools and there acquired his education, which, however, was somewhat limited as much of his time was taken up in assisting his father with the work of the farm. This, however, was valuable training as it taught him practical methods of agriculture and provided him with a congenial means of earning a good livelihood. He remained at home until twenty-six years of age, when his marriage occurred, and then removed to his present farm on section 7, Clay township. He

has since lived there and has devoted his time to agricultural pursuits and has so wisely directed his work that not only has he gained abundant crops year by year, but he has also conserved the fertility of the soil. He has made many fine improvements and his intelligent development of the place, combined with the general rise in land values, makes his land now worth about two hundred dollars an acre, although in 1876 he paid but fourteen dollars and thirty cents per acre for the one hundred and forty-four acres which he purchased at that time. He has since added to his holdings until his place now comprises three hundred and nine acres of land. He follows general farming and stock-raising and finds both phases of his work highly profitable.

Mr. Harsin was married to Miss Nettie Loynachan, who was born near the town of Barlow, in Washington county, Ohio, on the 28th of January, 1855, a daughter of Neil and Margaret (Turner) Loynachan. Her father was born in Scotland and came to America when seventeen years of age, settling in Washington county, Ohio, and there remaining for many years. After reaching maturity he engaged in farming upon his own account and was most successful in that occupation. He married Miss Margaret Turner and after his death, which occurred in Washington county, she removed to Marion county. About twenty years ago she took up her residence at Knoxville and lived there for a number of years, but for the last nine years of her life made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harsin. The mother died on the 14th of March, 1911, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years and fifteen days. Both Mr. and Mrs. Loynachan were Presbyterians in religious faith. Mrs. Harsin is one of a family of six children, of whom one son died at eleven years of age and one daughter when a maiden of thirteen. The others who survive are: Mrs. Margaret J. Hassig, a resident of Cope, Colorado; Edward E., of Russell, Iowa; and George Neil, who lives on the old home place in Ohio. Mrs. Harsin was reared and educated in Washington county, Ohio, and taught there and also in Marion county, Iowa, previous to her marriage. She has become the mother of two sons and two daughters, namely: Maggie, the wife of William Holmes, a farmer residing near Tracy, Minnesota, by whom she has a son, Lester; Alta, who died in young womanhood and who was the wife of Lemuel Durham, a resident of Clay township, this county; Gilbert, a farmer of Clay township, who married Irene Smith, by whom he has two daughters and a son, Pauline, Helen and Donald; and Charles, a young man of twenty-three years who is yet at home.

Mrs. Harsin is a member of the Presbyterian church of Plymouth, Clay township, and is one of the active workers of that congregation. Mr. Harsin is a republican in his political belief and is consistent in his support of its principles and candidates, believing that it is the best agency for the government of the country. He is one of the successful agriculturists of the county and his prosperity is due to his ability to meet the changing conditions of farm life, his willingness to adopt new methods and to use the latest improvements in machinery, his sound business judgment and his energy and industry.

GEORGE H. BINGAMAN.

George H. Bingaman is living on section 27, Washington township, where he owns and cultivates one hundred and forty acres of land constituting one of the good farms of the locality. Upon this place he has lived since 1911 and has wrought many improvements, making it one of the attractive farms of his part of the county. He was born in Pleasant township, Lucas county, Iowa, April 24, 1875, a son of William and Melinda (Whitlatch) Bingaman, who were natives of Indiana and Iowa respectively. The parents were married in Marion county in 1872 and to them have been born four children, as follows: Fanny, who is now the wife of Otis Grimes; George H., of this review; Minnie, who gave her hand in marriage to Stanley Applegate; and Bert, a resident of Lucas county, Iowa. The father has always followed farming and he and his wife yet reside in Lucas county, where they established their home in pioneer times, being among those who have aided in the development of Iowa, making it the rich agricultural state which it is today.

Through the period of his boyhood George H. Bingaman was learning lessons that have been of value to him in all of his later life—not only the lessons that one masters in the schoolroom but also those which one learns with experience as the teacher. At the age of twenty years he left home and on the 5th of March, 1896, was united in marriage to Miss Eunice Caldwell, a daughter of John and Mary (Mathew) Caldwell, who came to Marion county before the war and settled first in Indiana township. Later they removed to Washington township and there the father died after having devoted many years to general agricultural pursuits. His widow survives and makes her home in the village of Columbia.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bingaman took up their abode in Marion county, where they have since lived, and as the years passed several children were added to their family, namely: Ruby; Donald; Echo and Twila, both of whom are deceased; and Dwain.

Mr. Bingaman ranks with the enterprising and progressive farmers of his district and in addition to the work of cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate has engaged in raising stock. He has always followed the occupation to which he was reared and in 1911 he bought his present place, comprising one hundred and forty acres on section 27, Washington township. Since that time he has built a cave house and a barn upon his farm, which is today a well improved property. The buildings are surrounded by well kept fields that annually produce good harvests, and all of the equipments of a model farm are used in carrying on the work. In addition to this property Mr. Bingaman owns one hundred and sixty acres on section 34, Washington township, and from his farms derives a substantial annual income. He is progressive and his methods are at the same time practical. He has studied the question of soil, practices the rotation of crops and knows what is necessary to produce the different cereals raised in this locality. In politics he is a prohibitionist, which indicates his attitude upon the temperance question. He is interested in public affairs but has never been an office seeker. He believes, however, in improvement in matters relating to the general good and he cooperates heartily in all those plans which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

PETER H. VAN GORP.

Peter H. Van Gorp is the secretary and treasurer of the Garden City Feeder Company of Pella and is one of the native sons of Marion county, his birth having occurred upon a farm near Pella on the 26th of April, 1860, his parents being Henry and Jennie (Kempkes) Van Gorp, both of whom were natives of The Netherlands. The father came to America with a colony of Holland emigrants in the year 1847 and engaged in the business of teaming. He also became the owner of a farm near Pella and it was upon that place that Peter H. Van Gorp was born and reared. His time was divided between the acquirement of a public-school education and the work of the fields and he remained upon the home farm until 1882. He was afterward employed upon a dairy farm for six years and sub-

sequently he owned and operated a threshing outfit for several years. On the expiration of that period he embarked in the shoe business at Pella and conducted his store with growing success for ten years. In 1898 he became a partner of A. C. Van Honweling in organizing the Pella Stacker Company, of which he was manager. This business was conducted successfully for several years and in 1912 was reorganized under the name of the Garden City Feeder Company, in which Mr. Van Gorp holds the position of secretary, treasurer and manager. He is an enterprising, progressive business man, working along modern lines, and his prosperity is well merited.

On the 15th of November, 1883, Mr. Van Gorp was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Pos, a daughter of Derk Pos, a farmer. They have two sons: Harvey P., who married Nina Sadler and is now with the Star Auto Company; and Dick, who is employed by the Garden City Feeder Company. In addition to his other business interests Mr. Van Gorp is a stockholder in the Star Automobile Company. In politics he is a democrat and has filled the office of alderman for one term, making a creditable record in the position. He has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, however, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, carefully and intelligently directed, have brought to him a gratifying measure of prosperity.

FRANK H. SHERWOOD.

On the list of Marion county's pioneer settlers who laid the foundation for the present growth, development and prosperity of this district appears the name of Frank H. Sherwood, who was practically a lifelong resident of this part of the state. He was born on the 11th of November, 1842, a son of Daniel and Julia (Phelps) Sherwood, who in the latter '40s, came to Marion county and spent their remaining days in Indiana township. The work of progress and civilization seemed scarcely begun in this county at that period. Indeed there were only a few settlers and it was no unusual thing to see bands of Indians. Much wild game was to be had and there was every evidence of frontier life in the wide stretches of undeveloped prairie land and in the uncut forests which bordered the streams.

Frank H. Sherwood shared with the family in the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life and early became familiar with

the task of developing new fields. Much of the farm machinery common at the present day was then unknown, so that much of the work of the fields was done by hand. In his youthful days Frank H. Sherwood attended the country schools or followed the plow, but when a youth of nineteen years he put aside all personal thoughts and ambitions in order to respond to the country's call for troops, for the north and south was divided over the question of slavery and conditions brought about thereby. When the attempt was made to overthrow the Union, Mr. Sherwood enlisted as a member of Company E, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in 1861, and served for three years, participating in a number of hotly contested engagements which led up to the final victory that crowned the Union arms.

Following his return home Mr. Sherwood was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Robuck on the 4th of February, 1865, the wedding ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. C. Sherwood. The lady was born December 17, 1841, and was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Kahler) Robuck, who became residents of Indiana township, this county, in 1853. Their remaining days were here passed and when called to their final rest their graves were made in Indiana chapel. They were indeed pioneer settlers of the community and contributed to the early development and upbuilding of this part of the county. The father was born November 7, 1806, while the mother's birth occurred on the 21st of November, 1811. They were the parents of eight children, namely: John, who was born May 13, 1831; Joseph, December 24, 1833; Sarah Jane, October 15, 1834; Aaron, February 4, 1838; William, April 24, 1840; Louisa, December 17, 1841; Susan E., June 12, 1846; and James Nelson, born February 10, 1849.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood was blessed with nine children, as follows: Luella, who passed away in April, 1899; Daniel Harry, who died on the 4th of February, 1869; Sarah, who gave her hand in marriage to Chris Horned; Francis M.; James W., who died on the 31st of January, 1876; Mary I., who is now the wife of Fred Bingaman; Blanche A., who wedded John Monteith; Altie, who died on the 5th of February, 1884; and Allie, twin of Altie, who is the wife of L. Gullion.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood made their home upon a farm and through hard work, close application and capable management he accumulated a handsome competence. He was the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land which he carefully tilled and from which he gathered good harvests. Follow-

ing his demise Mrs. Sherwood sold the farm to her son and about fifteen years ago took up her abode in Columbia, where she still makes her home. He was well known as a pioneer settler of this county and one who had witnessed practically its entire growth and development. He had lived to see the wild animals of the early days superseded by farm animals, the prairie grass give way before the cultivated grain, the pioneer cabins replaced by modern, commodious residences and the work of improvement carried on along all lines that indicate higher ideals and earnest efforts for their accomplishment. Mr. Sherwood had the goodwill and confidence of his fellowmen and at his death left behind him many warm friends.

M. M. WREN.

M. M. Wren is a farmer and stockman who owns and operates two hundred and forty acres upon section 32, Knoxville township, and he is highly respected wherever known. He was born in that township on the 24th of March, 1861, a son of Michael and Catherine (Brown) Wren. The father was born in County Kerry, Ireland, but emigrated to America as a young man. He first located in Indiana, where he was married, but later removed to Marion county, Iowa, arriving here in 1856. He entered eighty acres of land, which is a part of the farm now owned by the subject of this review, and from time to time as his resources increased he added to his holdings until he held title to two hundred and fifty acres. His fine farm was the evidence of his prosperity and none grudged him his success as it was won by persistent effort and good management. He passed away in 1890, when about seventy-four years of age. He and his wife were both communicants of the Catholic church. She was also born in County Kerry, Ireland, and emigrated to the United States with her parents, the family home being established in Indiana. Her parents both passed away in that state. She died in February, 1888, when about sixty-five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Wren had three children: James, now residing in Des Moines, is married and has a family. M. M. is the subject of this review, and Mary is the wife of Patrick Riley, of Ottumwa.

M. M. Wren was reared upon the farm he is now operating and gained his education in the school of his home neighborhood. The early training given him in agriculture by his father stood him in good stead and he has proved successful as a general farmer. The

splendid condition of his place testifies to his carefulness and industry and his labors are rewarded by abundant crops.

In 1886 Mr. Wren married Miss Maggie Ruane, a native of County Roscommon, Ireland, born on the 3d of December, 1863. Her parents were Thomas and Catherine (Murray) Ruane, who in the winter of 1864-5 emigrated to Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Ruane was a baker and followed his trade in that city, where he passed away while still a young man. His widow married L. F. Cotter at Baltimore and in 1869 they removed to this county and located at Knoxville. Mr. Cotter died there a quarter of a century ago but his widow survives at the age of ninety-five years and still makes her home at Knoxville. Mr. and Mrs. Ruane had three children: Mrs. Wren; Mary A., the deceased wife of James Wren, her demise occurring in 1904 in Des Moines; and John, superintendent of the insurance patrol at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The sons born to the mother by her marriage to Mr. Cotter are now leading merchants of Knoxville. Mrs. Wren was reared and educated in Knoxville and there her marriage occurred. She has become the mother of three children, all born upon the home farm. Charles, who is twenty-seven years of age, resides at Lovilia, Monroe county, this state, and is cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of that place. He married Miss Gertrude Kinney, of this county. Catherine is at home and is a graduate of the Highland Park College at Des Moines. She has taught in both Marion and Monroe counties. Margaret completed the public-school course and is at home.

Mr. Wren exercises his right of franchise in support of the democratic party as he is convinced of the wisdom of its policies. He has taken a great interest in the welfare of the schools and for many years has served as president of the school board. Both he and his wife are communicants of St. Anthony's Catholic church of Knoxville and can always be counted upon to do their share in furthering the moral advancement of the community.

ISAAC R. HODGSON.

One of the venerable citizens of Swan township passed away when Isaac R. Hodgson was called from this life November 5, 1914, at the age of eighty-five years. He was born November 29, 1828, in Frederick county, Virginia, a son of Robert Hodgson, who was also a native of the Old Dominion and there followed the occupation of

farming until he was called to his final rest at the comparatively early age of forty-two years.

Isaac R. Hodgson left his native state when fourteen years old and went to Highland county, Ohio, where he remained until he reached young manhood. He was there married to Miss Susan Ann Morrison and in 1848 they removed westward to Iowa, settling in Marion county. The following year Mr. Hodgson went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast. He spent six months on the road, traveling over long stretches of hot sand and across the mountains until he reached the gold fields of the far west. He did not remain long, however, and with the exception of that period was continuously a resident of Marion county from the time he arrived here in 1848 until his death. His first wife passed away in this county in 1860, leaving one child, Mrs. Ella Van Pelt, now of Ohio. There were also two other children, who died in infancy.

On the 14th of May, 1862, Mr. Hodgson was again married, his second union being with Miss Rosanna Price, who was born in Indiana, near St. Joseph, on the 9th of February, 1840, a daughter of Thomas and Tabitha (Emerling) Price, who came to Iowa with ox teams, making the overland journey about 1850. They settled in Red Rock township, Marion county, where Mr. Price secured land and engaged in farming. After residing in Iowa until 1892 they removed to Colorado, where Mr. Price passed away when more than seventy-six years of age. His widow survived and died at Adel, Iowa, in the fall of 1909 at the age of eighty-seven years. They were of the Dunkard faith. Their daughter, Mrs. Hodgson, was reared from the age of nine years in Marion county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson were born five children: Alice, the wife of Thomas J. Prickett, a resident farmer of Swan township; William E., a farmer of Montana, who is married and has a family; Viola, the wife of Charles Phillips, a resident farmer of Swan township; Laban, mentioned elsewhere in this volume; and Charles O., a resident farmer of Union township, who is married and has a family.

Throughout his entire life Isaac R. Hodgson, the father, followed the occupation of farming and won notable success. He added to his possessions from time to time until his real-estate holdings were very extensive, so much so that in 1912 he was able to deed fifteen hundred acres of land to his children and yet retain a farm of two hundred and fifty acres. All of his extensive holdings, comprising seventeen hundred and fifty acres, lay in Red Rock, Swan and Union townships. His widow is still the owner of the home farm of two

hundred and fifty acres, which provides her with a good living. Mr. Hodgson started out in life empty-handed. He had no influential friends to aid him and there came to him no financial assistance of any kind. He realized, however, that industry and determination will overcome all obstacles and difficulties and by his perseverance and indefatigable effort he advanced steadily and won a place among the most prosperous residents of the county. The family attended the Christian church, of which Mrs. Hodgson is a member.

Mr. Hodgson gave his political support to the democratic party but he never sought nor desired office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, which were most capably managed. He possessed sound judgment and keen discrimination and seemed to realize fully the possibilities of any business situation. His life record should serve to inspire and encourage others who are desirous of attaining prosperity, as it indicates what may be accomplished when there is the will to dare and to do. He lived to a ripe old age, passing away when eighty-five, and by all who knew him he was spoken of in terms of high regard.

SETH WAY.

The student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the records of Marion county without recognizing the fact that the name of Way figures prominently in connection with the development and substantial progress of the district, especially along agricultural lines. It was Joshua Way, father of Seth Way, who with two others, at midnight on the 1st of May, 1843, staked off the first claims entered in this county, and from that time to the present he and others of the family have borne an active part in advancing the material, political and social interests of the district. He was born in Wayne county, Indiana, in 1822, a son of Seth Way, who in the year 1837 came to Iowa with his family and settled at Keosauqua. In the same year Joshua Way visited Marion county and six years later, on the 1st of May, 1843, he and two others staked off their claims by lantern light, their quarter sections being the first ones entered from the government in this county. He immediately took up his residence upon his claim and continued to reside there until his death. The others who staked off claims the same night were Horace Lyman and Colonel Stanford Dowd, while Mr. Jones and Mr. Durham arrived but a short time afterward. The men built

cabins and those who were married went to Keosauqua on foot to bring their families to their new homes, while Mr. Way, who was then a young man of twenty-one years and single, took care of the claims until the others returned.

It was in 1854 that Joshua Way was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Ridlen, a native of Shelby county, Indiana, and a daughter of Timothy and Sarah Ridlen, who were likewise natives of the Hoosier state, whence they came to Marion county in 1849, the father purchasing government land not far from the home of Mr. Way. Seven children were born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Way: Seth; Charles Owen, who died in 1902; Walter, who is a farmer and resides in Bussey, Iowa; William, who follows farming in this county; Parker, who owns and cultivates a tract of land near Bussey; and Mary and Sarah, who died in childhood. The father passed away on the 19th of May, 1895, and the mother's death occurred in September, 1910.

In the demise of Joshua Way the county was deprived of a representative farmer and good citizen, while his close friends and relatives suffered an irreparable loss in his passing. As one of the earliest white settlers in this part of the state he experienced the privations that must always characterize real pioneer life, but the consciousness that he was assisting in the development of a splendid section of country more than compensated for the hardships endured. Moreover, in the improvement of his opportunities he won a very substantial and gratifying measure of success and at the time of his death was the owner of twenty-five hundred acres of valuable land, all in Marion and Mahaska counties. He was regarded as one of the best business men in his section of the state and his prosperity was attributable entirely to his own labors and sound judgment. His educational opportunities were very limited and without capital he came to Marion county in early manhood, working his way steadily upward until he was numbered among the most prosperous and highly esteemed citizens. He was widely known for his kindly interest in young men who were desirous of gaining a start in the business world. He never hesitated to loan wagons or other farm equipments and was also most generous in his financial assistance. He believed in the goodness and honor of those with whom he had business dealings and seldom, if ever, was his confidence betrayed, for the trust which he displayed awakened the better nature of many with whom he came in contact. His hand was constantly outreaching to assist another. A modern philosopher has said: "Not the good that comes to us, but the good that comes to the world through

us, is the measure of our success." And judged by this standard, as well as by what he acquired along material lines, Joshua Way was a most successful man. His memory is cherished by all who knew him and his example is indeed one worthy of emulation.

His eldest son, Seth Way, was born in 1856, on the old homestead farm which his father had entered from the government, and at the usual age he became a public-school pupil. His training in the work of the fields began early and as his strength increased he aided more and more in the operation of the farm until, while still a youth in years, he was doing all the work that fell to the lot of one of adult age upon a farm in the middle west. After attaining man's estate he continued to follow agricultural pursuits for a number of years and he brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and added thereto all modern equipments and accessories. In 1888 he rented his land and removed to Knoxville, where the following year he entered into partnership with C. K. Davis in forming the firm of Davis & Way, dealers in grain, hay, coal, wood and lumber. This firm was very successful during this period and in 1910, at the death of Mr. Davis, the firm became Seth Way & Company and so continues to the present time. They ceased to deal in lumber some years ago and confine their attention to hay, coal and wood. The business has grown along substantial lines and is today one of the important concerns of the kind in the county, Mr. Way giving his entire attention thereto. He likewise has extensive agricultural interests, owning in Liberty township nine hundred and forty-seven acres, which he operates in connection with his son. He raises high grade stock of all kinds and is accounted one of the most successful farmers of Marion county. His enterprising methods have been the source of the growth and development of his business and at every point in his career he seems to have realized the possibility for successful accomplishment at that point.

Mr. Way was united in marriage in 1877 to Miss Arminta Johnson, of this county, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Beal) Johnson, who came to Marion county from Ohio in 1868. Her father devoted his life to farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Way have been born two children: Charles J., who is operating his father's farm; and Nora, the wife of A. J. Vandermeulen, an agriculturist. Mr. Way is a republican in his political allegiance and fraternally is a member of the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Rebekahs. They fully merit the general esteem with which they are regarded by their fellowmen.

Capability has brought Mr. Way to the front and through the wise utilization of the opportunities which have been his he has gained a place among the representative business men and foremost citizens of Knoxville.

JOHN ADAM NEAL.

John Adam Neal, who is a well known farmer of Knoxville township, was born in Adams county, Ohio, April 7, 1867, a son of George G. and Mary Frances (Stumm) Neal, both natives of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. The father, who was of German descent, was born in November, 1816, and the mother's birth occurred on the 4th of March, 1827. The maternal grandfather was a native of Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Neal were married in their native county but later removed to Adams county, Ohio, where they lived for three and one-half years. At the end of that time they came to Marion county, Iowa, arriving here in the fall of 1867. They went from Pella to Knoxville by stage and remained in the latter city for a few months, after which the father purchased seventy-two acres of land on section 6, Knoxville township. His farm was covered with brush which it was necessary to clear before crops could be planted, but Mr. Neal set himself resolutely to work to develop his farm and became the owner of a valuable property. He subsequently bought forty acres more and continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his death. He became well-to-do but was without capital when he started upon his independent career and the hard work by means of which he gained material prosperity undermined his health and perhaps hastened his death, which occurred on the 5th of May, 1880, when he was sixty-four years of age. He was a republican in politics and his religious affiliation was with the Presbyterian church of Knoxville. His wife survives and resides at her old home. They had three children, as follows: Sylvanus S. is a farmer and stockman of Knoxville township and has traveled extensively. He is married and has several children. Sarah Isabelle, who was familiarly known as Sallie, was born December 6, 1853, and married William I. Morris. She died March 17, 1892, and left three children. Her husband survives and is a retired farmer living at Indianola, Iowa. John Adam of this review is the youngest of the family.

The last mentioned grew to manhood in this county and was a student in the public schools, thus acquiring a serviceable education.

When thirteen years of age his father died and from that time on he has depended upon his own resources for his livelihood. He has devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits and has been very successful, especially in the line of stock-raising. He is now operating his mother's farm of one hundred and twelve acres on section 6, Knoxville township, an eighty acre tract on section 5, which he owns, and one hundred and sixty acres, known as the Joe Fisher farm, which he bought in the fall of 1896. Altogether he operates three hundred and fifty-two acres, devoting his time chiefly to the raising of stock. He understands the care and feeding of live stock and as he also studies the markets carefully he is able to secure good prices.

On the 27th of December, 1893, Mr. Neal was united in marriage to Miss Dora Marsh, a daughter of William J. Marsh, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Neal have been born four children, George G., Ethel Marie, Harry M. and Florence, all at home. Mr. Neal attends the Eden Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife and son are members. Politically he supports the republican party and for six years served as township assessor. He is much interested in the cause of education and is a director of the Lincoln school district. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic order, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree, being a charter member of Knoxville Commandery, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is highly spoken of in his locality and is a valued and useful citizen.

C. C. KENDALL.

C. C. Kendall is a wide-awake and progressive representative of commercial interests in Marysville, where he is part owner of a general store. He was born in Eddyville, Iowa, September 3, 1875, a son of Mathias and Rose Anna (Kent) Kendall, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. Attracted by the opportunities of the new world, the father came to America when a young man of eighteen years and during the Civil war he rendered valuable aid to his adopted country by four years' service at the front in the defense of the Union. His last days were spent in Marion county, where he was highly esteemed as a leading representative citizen. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in this county.

C. C. Kendall was one of a family of eight children, six of whom are yet living. He remained upon the home farm until he

attained his majority and divided his time between the work of the fields, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. After attaining man's estate he began farming on his own account, but with the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he enlisted for two years' service as a member of Company D, Fifty-first Iowa Infantry, of which he became a private. He was honorably discharged at San Francisco and following his return to Marion county embarked in merchandising in Marysville, having a half interest with his brother in a store at this place. They carry an attractive line of goods and are enjoying a liberal patronage, which they well merit. C. C. Kendall is also the owner of a half interest in the mill at this place and he owns the store building in which they conduct their mercantile interests and also has other property.

In his political views Mr. Kendall has always been a democrat, giving to the party stalwart support. He is now postmaster at Marysville, having occupied the office for two years. His fraternal relations are with the Improved Order of Red Men. He is well known in this county and has attractive social qualities which render him popular, while his energetic business methods are gaining for him substantial success.

JOHN DAVIE SCHLOTTERBACK.

John Davie Schlotterback is at present county auditor and has demonstrated his fitness for public office by the conscientiousness and capability with which he has discharged the duties devolving upon him. He was born in Knoxville, Iowa, on the 13th of March, 1860, a son of Michael and Johanna (Toler) Schlotterback, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. The paternal grandfather was John Schlotterback, a resident of Pennsylvania of German descent. He was a carpenter by trade and went to Ohio in the early days of the history of that state. In the '50s he came to Iowa and located in this county, where he resided until his death. His wife lived to reach the remarkable age of one hundred years.

Michael Schlotterback removed to Iowa about 1851 and located in Wapello county, where he remained for a year, but in 1852 he came to this county, where he devoted his time to farming. In that same year, however, he went west to California, remaining in the Golden state for seven years, at the end of which time he returned to Marion county, Iowa. For a considerable period of time he followed

agricultural pursuits in Knoxville township, but a number of years before his death he retired and made his home with a daughter. On the 27th of April, 1911, he passed away at the venerable age of ninety-two years. He was a democrat in his political belief. His wife, who died in 1899, was a daughter of William and Annie (Spencer) Toler, who removed from Tennessee to Indiana and lived there until their deaths. Her father was a blacksmith by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schlotterback were married in the Hoosier state. To their union were born six children: Dale, who died when eighteen years of age; Elizabeth, the wife of Samuel Wilson, formerly an agriculturist of the county and now a resident of Bentonville, Arkansas; Ellen, who died in 1875; Lucy, who passed away in 1884; John D., of this review; and William, who died in 1891.

John Davie Schlotterback was reared upon the home farm and received that well-rounded education common to the sons of farmers, as he was not only well grounded in the fundamental branches of book learning, but also learned the principles of agriculture and became familiar by actual experience with the work of the farm. He followed agricultural pursuits until he was twenty years of age and then learned the printer's trade and was employed for many years on various Knoxville and Des Moines papers. In 1893 he was elected city assessor of Knoxville for a two-year term and in 1895 was reelected, serving until January 1, 1898. Subsequently he was again employed at the printer's trade in Knoxville until the spring of 1907, when he was again elected city assessor, resigning that position, however, on the 1st of January, 1909, to become deputy county auditor. In 1912 he was elected county auditor, taking office in January of the year following. He was his party's candidate for reelection in November, 1914, and was chosen by a handsome majority, leading his ticket. As county auditor he has made a record of which he may well be proud, and his present term of office does not expire until January 1, 1917. He has been prompt, accurate and systematic in the performance of his work and has been uniformly courteous in his treatment of those with whom he has been brought in contact in an official capacity.

On the 24th of December, 1882, Mr. Schlotterback was united in marriage to Miss Laura Stoops, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Bates) Stoops. Many years ago the family removed from the Hoosier state to Marion county, Iowa, and here the father devoted his time to farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Schlotterback have been born five children: Blanche, who died in infancy; Mabel, the wife of Loren Zugg, a resident of Knoxville; Clyde, em-

ployed by the Knoxville Journal, who married Miss Mary Courtney; Ruth, the wife of James Crawford; and Babe, who died when three years of age.

Mr. Schlotterback is a democrat in his political affiliation and staunchly supports the candidates and measures of that party. Fraternally he belongs to the lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Red Men, the Foresters, the Knights of Pythias and the Moose. He and his wife are both members of the Rebekahs. His entire life has been spent in this county and the fact that those who have known him intimately from his early youth are his truest friends is incontrovertible proof of the genuineness of his worth as a man.

B. W. OWEN.

B. W. Owen, who carries on general farming, his home being on section 24, Liberty township, has a large and valuable property and in addition to the cultivation of the fields he is engaged in the raising of shorthorn cattle. He is a man of determined purpose who formulates his plans carefully and then carries them forward to successful completion. He was born in Liberty township, Marion county, on the 16th of March, 1870, a son of John E. and Elvira (Berry) Owen, natives of Ohio and Iowa respectively. The father removed westward to this state and in Mahaska county was married. To them were born three children: William E., Quilla A. and B. W. The mother passed away in 1871, when her youngest son, the subject of this review, was but a year old, and her grave was made in Mahaska county. The father long survived and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Hamilton.

John E. Owen came to Marion county in the year 1857, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers, and from that time until his death he was much interested in the development and progress of this section, taking an active part in advancing the public welfare. Following the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as a piper in Company H, Eighth Iowa Infantry, and served until honorably discharged on account of ill health before the close of the war. He then returned home and began farming, continuing actively in that pursuit throughout his remaining days. He also engaged in the raising of graded stock and had good horses. His political allegiance was given the republican party and he kept well informed on the questions and

issues of the day and was ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument. He accumulated considerable property through dint of hard work and capable business management and so honorable and upright was he in all his dealings that he enjoyed the highest respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact. His death occurred in 1890.

B. W. Owen was educated in the local schools and in his youthful days started out in business on his own account, always following the occupation of farming, to which he was reared. He erected all of the buildings upon his place and in many ways has improved the property, which is today one of the valuable farms of the county, comprising three hundred and thirty-nine acres of valuable and productive land, all of which is under cultivation and is free from all indebtedness. He carries on general farming and is also engaged in the raising of shorthorn cattle. The place is pleasantly and conveniently located not far from Hamilton, on sections 24, 25 and 26, Liberty township.

On the 16th of June, 1892, Mr. Owen was united in marriage to Miss Louisa McGee, her parents being J. A. and Luda (Grass) McGee, who have resided in Monroe county, this state, since pioneer times. Mr. and Mrs. Owen have five children, namely: Beulah, who was born July 21, 1893, and is the wife of Chester Bailey; Blanche, whose birth occurred November 19, 1895; Clyde, whose natal day was October 7, 1898; Elmer, born November 30, 1906; and Donald, who was born on the 24th of October, 1909.

Mr. Owen has never sought to figure prominently in any public connection outside of business, feeling that his farming interests demanded his best efforts. He has closely studied the problems of the farmer and carries on his work according to modern, scientific methods and ideas. That his plans are characterized by sound judgment is indicated in the success which has come to him and which has placed him among the representative agriculturists of this part of the state.

J. H. CHRISMAN.

J. H. Chrisman, who some years ago retired from active business life and now makes his home in Knoxville, has been a resident of Knox county for more than half a century, having taken up his abode here in the fall of 1861. He has been an interested witness of the

changes which have since occurred and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present.

Mr. Chrisman was born in Clark county, Indiana, September 1, 1839, a son of David and Elizabeth M. (Robertson) Chrisman, who were likewise natives of Clark county, the former born in 1813 and the latter in 1816. Mrs. Chrisman was a daughter of Eli Robertson, on whose farm was built the first Methodist church in the state of Indiana. When their son, J. H. Chrisman, was but two years of age the parents removed with their family from Clark county to Laporte county, Indiana, settling in the town of New Durham, where the family home was maintained for about eighteen years. In 1859 a removal was made to Missouri and in the fall of 1861 they came to Iowa, becoming residents of Marion county. The father was a strong anti-slavery man. Living close to the Kentucky border, he saw the evil effects of slavery and early imbued his children with the same spirit of hatred and opposition to the institution. That his lessons took deep root is shown in the fact that several of his sons served in the Civil war. David Chrisman voted the whig ticket until the organization of the republican party and all of his sons save one have followed in his footsteps. He was ever a man of high and honorable purpose and was for a half century a local minister of the Methodist church, the religious faith of both the paternal and maternal ancestors of J. H. Chrisman being that of Methodism. The father died at his home in Knoxville township in October, 1890, on his seventy-seventh birthday, and his wife survived until April, 1899, passing away in Knoxville. In their family were eight children. W. T., the oldest, enlisted in Company A, Thirty-third Iowa Infantry, on the 11th of August, 1862, and died and was buried at Mound City, Illinois, on the 11th of August, 1863, just a year after he had enrolled as one of the "Boys in blue." J. H. is the next of the family. David enlisted as chief musician in Company A, Fortieth Iowa Regiment. E. R. is a resident of Fall Brook, California. Mrs. Mary J. Burzett died at Liberty Center, Warren county, Iowa, a number of years ago. L. W., who enlisted for one hundred days' service as a member of Captain McCormick's company, formed in Knoxville, served until the close of the war and is now living in San Diego, California. J. F. is a resident of Guide Rock, Nebraska, and H. W. is living at Mojave, California.

J. H. Chrisman spent the greater part of his youth in Laporte went to Missouri. Two years later he arrived in Marion county, county, Indiana, and was a young man of twenty years when the family

where he has since remained and he has ever been numbered among the worthy and respected citizens of his part of the state. On the 22d of April, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza A. Hodges, of Knoxville, Iowa, and they removed to a farm six miles east of the town, on the Pella road. Mr. Chrisman bent his energies to the development and improvement of that place and followed that occupation until nine years ago, when he removed to Knoxville and put aside the active cares of business life. He had brought his farm to a high state of cultivation, had added to it many modern accessories and conveniences, and as the result of his careful management had acquired a substantial competence as the years went by. To him and his wife were born four children: W. T., who is now living at Long Beach, California; Ora G., now the wife of M. R. Voorhees, of Kansas City, Missouri; Gertrude, at home; and James G. B., who is living on a farm in Knoxville township.

An important chapter in the life history of J. H. Chrisman is that which covers his service as a soldier of the Civil war. He enlisted as a member of Company A, Thirty-third Iowa Infantry, under Major C. B. Boydston, and was with that command on every campaign save the one to Little Rock. His military history is that of the Thirty-third Iowa and with his command he participated in many hotly contested engagements. Today there is scarcely a member of the old company remaining, four or five living in Knoxville or vicinity. His family have every reason to be proud of his war record, for he was among those who won for Iowa her splendid reputation in connection with the defense of the Union. Mr. Chrisman has adhered to the religious faith of the family. His moral standards are high and he has lived up to them. One who knows him well said: "His word is as good as his bond; he is the soul of honor and the better one knows him the greater the respect and the warmer the friendship. His home life has been beautiful and satisfying and in it he has found his chief enjoyment."

J. B. CHRISMAN.

J. B. Chrisman is a well known farmer and stockman of Marion county, operating the old home farm that belonged to his father. He also owns and cultivates one hundred and ninety-seven acres adjoining, in the east part of Knoxville township and also across the border in Clay township. Thus he operates altogether about five hundred

acres of land, which he devotes to general agricultural pursuits and to stock-raising, making a specialty of Polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs. He is a very energetic, enterprising young man, persistent, determined and capable, and in his business affairs displays splendid ability. He was born in Clay township, this county, on the 26th of January, 1880, and is a son of J. H. Chrisman, mention of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. He attended the public schools through the period of his youth and in vacations worked in the fields. The greater part of his life has been devoted to farming and success has attended his efforts. His methods have always been practical and he has ever kept abreast with the progress of the times, which is manifest as strongly in connection with agricultural interests as in other phases of business activity.

On the 6th of April, 1904, Mr. Chrisman was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Blanche Gee, who was born in Knoxville township, February 7, 1881, a daughter of the late Amos and Samantha (Scott) Gee. Her father came to the middle west from Tompkins, New York. When a young man he removed to Mason county, Illinois, and there he enlisted in response to the country's call for troops, joining Company M, Second Illinois Cavalry, with which he served on active duty until he became ill. He was afterward in a hospital for some time and was then honorably discharged. In the spring of 1868 he came to Marion county, Iowa, taking up his abode in Knoxville township, where he carried on general farming to the time of his death. He passed away on the old homestead December 11, 1906, at the age of sixty-seven years, and there were many friends who deeply regretted his demise because of the sterling traits of character which he displayed and which endeared him to those with whom he was associated. He was twice married. In Illinois he wedded Miss Mary I. Knight, who died in Nebraska, March 15, 1866, leaving a daughter, Lucy, who has now passed away. On the 21st of March, 1869, Mr. Gee wedded Samantha Scott, who is now living on East Main street in Knoxville. They became the parents of nine children, of whom seven survive, as follows: Mrs. J. B. Chrisman; James N., who is a resident of Texas; Mrs. Dora V. Noftsgar, living in Knoxville township, this county; Mrs. Bessie I. Amsberry, also a resident of Knoxville township; George W., who makes his home in Raton, New Mexico; Ralph, of Knoxville township, this county; and Benjamin H., who lives at home with his widowed mother. Mr. and Mrs. Chrisman have two children, James Francis and Robert Amos, who are eight and four years of age respectively.

Politically Mr. Chrisman is a stalwart republican, supporting the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and has always been the party of reform and advancement. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and their lives accord with its teachings. In all business affairs he is thoroughly trustworthy and at the same time is progressive and determined, so that he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He is today extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising, about five hundred acres paying tribute to the care and cultivation which he bestows upon his fields. He also has a large herd of Polled Angus cattle and many hogs of the Poland China breed and he has done much to improve and raise the standard of stock handled in this county. His success is the merited reward of his labors and the good name which he bears is the legitimate result of a well spent and honorable life.

WATSON H. VANDERPLOEG.

Watson H. Vanderploeg is a native of this county and one of the most prominent younger business men in Pella. He is cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank and is also an attorney. He was born on the 24th of December, 1888, a son of R. and Pietje (Terpetra) Vanderploeg, natives of Holland and New York, respectively. The paternal grandfather was Dirk Vanderploeg, who brought his family to the United States, arriving at Pella, Iowa, on the 4th of July, 1857. He was a farmer by occupation and located upon land in Lake Prairie township but later removed to Summit township. His son, the father of the subject of this review, is president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, which was organized in 1905, and is an important figure in the financial life of the city. His wife is a daughter of Watson Terpetra, a native of Holland, who in early manhood went to New York. Subsequently he came west with his family and arrived at Pella about 1857. He was a farmer by occupation. To Mr. and Mrs. R. Vanderploeg have been born eight children: Mary C., the wife of Arie Vander Waal, a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Delia, who became the wife of Simon De Haan; Anna, at home; Charles, a farmer living near Monroe, Iowa; Linnie, the wife of James Cochrane, a resident of Monroe; Margaret, at home; W. G., living in Knoxville; and Watson H., of this review.

The last named completed the course in the public schools of Pella and then entered the Central University of Iowa, located there, and was graduated from that institution. He subsequently read law with a brother and in 1912 was admitted to the bar and has since practiced his profession here. However, part of his time has been taken up by other duties, as he is cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of this place. He has already accomplished much and his keen intellect and splendid training presage yet greater achievement.

Mr. Vanderploeg is a member of the Baptist church and is an active worker in those movements which seek the betterment of his community. Politically he is a republican and fraternally he belongs to Pella Lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M.; and to the Knights of Pythias. Among his marked characteristics are initiative, sound judgment and energy that constantly impels to action and achievement, and these traits, together with a high sense of right and justice, have gained him the respect which is accorded him in business circles of Pella. His personal friends are many and hold him in the warmest regard.

JOHN A. WELCH.

John A. Welch was born in Paris, Edgar county, Illinois, November 24, 1834, and was the fourth son and fourth child of a family of seven children. His father, John R. Welch, was born May 24, 1805, in Bath county, Kentucky, and died on the 18th of May, 1891, in Salem, Oregon. He was of English parentage. The mother of our subject, Matilda Lowry Welch, was of Irish and German descent. She was born on the 27th of November, 1807, and died in Butler, Missouri, November 28, 1880. The father moved with the family to Iowa in the year 1843, making the journey with ox teams. They located temporarily in Jefferson county but after a residence there of ten or eleven months moved on further west in May, 1844, and located in an unorganized part of the country, which was later organized and given the name of Marion county.

Here John A. Welch grew to manhood. During the summer of 1854 he with his brothers, James and Isaiah, drove cattle overland to California and was four months lacking a few days in making the trip. He worked in the gold mines most of the time in the central and northern part of the state for three years. In the spring of 1857 he with his brother Isaiah returned to Iowa by way of Panama and New York. James had previously returned by the same route. After

reaching home he attended school and taught school alternately until the commencement of the Civil war in 1861.

On account of a war scare along the southern border of the state he with nearly one hundred other men from Marion county volunteered their services to aid others from different parts of the state to repel the invaders. On arrival at the war threatened district the expected invaders had returned south. After a reconnoissance lasting four weeks through northwestern Missouri without a conflict, all parties returned to Iowa and were disbanded without the loss of a man. Soon after returning home from this expedition Mr. Welch enlisted and was regularly mustered into the United States service in G, Company Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. After nine months' service he was discharged at Corinth, Mississippi, on account of disability.

About one year after returning home from the army he engaged in the mercantile business in Attica in the southeast part of the county, with J. M. Cathcart as a partner, under the firm name of Cathcart & Welch. A few years later, in 1872, a change of location was made to Knoxville, the county seat, where a mercantile partnership was formed with D. T. Welch, and they did business under the firm name of Welch & Welch. From this time on he was in business in one way and another in Knoxville for ten years. In 1882 he moved to Burrton, Harvey county, Kansas, where he resided for twenty-six years, during which time he was engaged in mercantile, banking or lumber business, at the end of which time he retired and removed to Hutchinson, Kansas, where he now resides at 620 North Main street.

A few days after Mr. Welch had volunteered his services to the United States, he was married to Mary E. Haines, October 22, 1861. She was of Welsh and Scotch lineage and of Quaker parentage, born in New Jersey, January 27, 1840. Both are now living and have passed their fifty-third wedding anniversary.

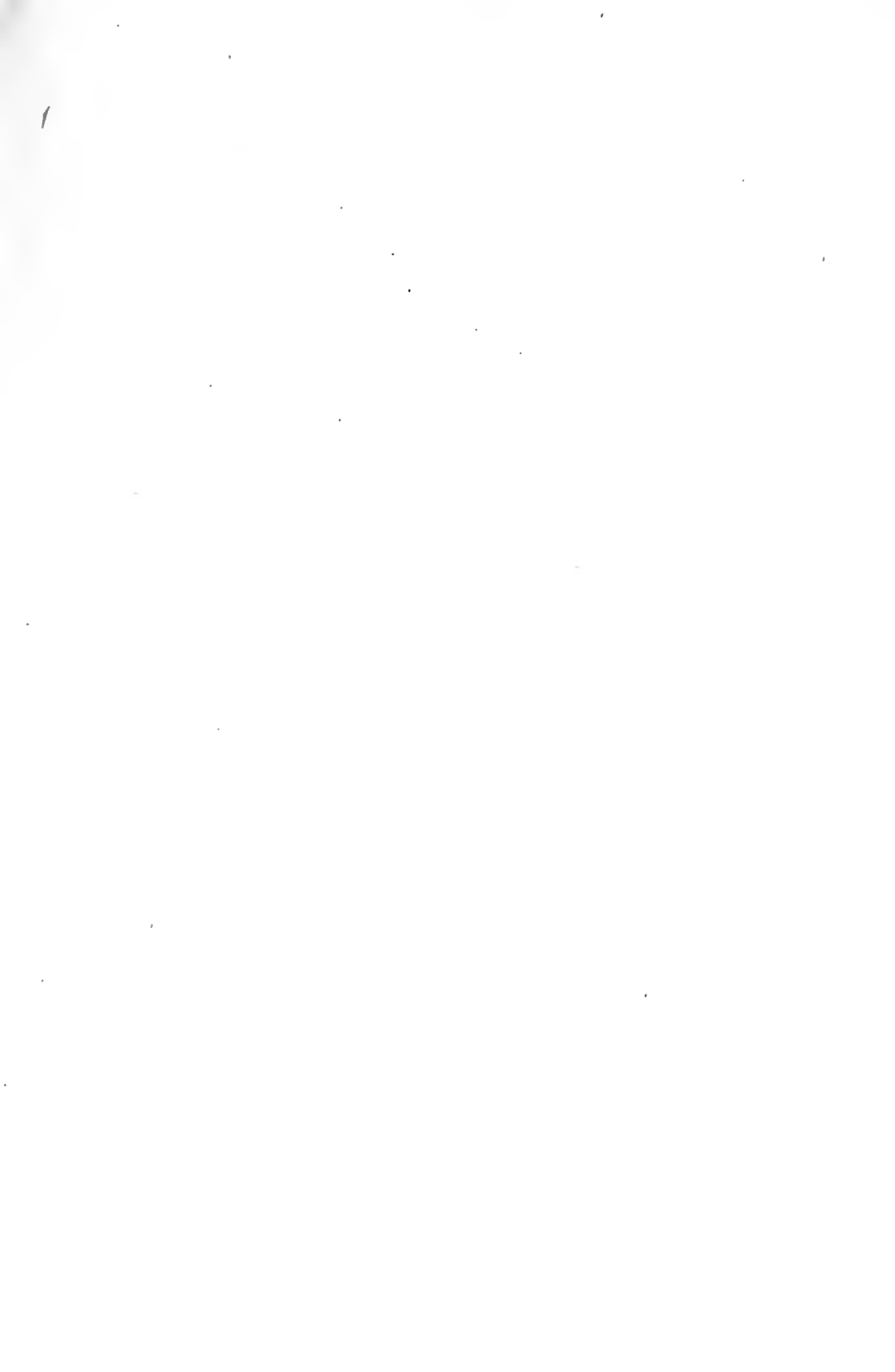
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